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Clean Up Paint Up Tune Up

They are Summer Chores at the Company's Production and Distribution Stations

Cleaning, adjusting, repairing, painting, and similar chores are in order at this time of the year at all of the Company's Stations, scattered throughout the city. In the above picture a crew of workmen are scraping rust spots from the girders of a water sealed gas holder.

In the picture at left, John Foreman, and John Curran, are engaged in a repair operation at Irving Park Station, replacing the bearings on one of the huge pumping engines, and making other necessary adjustments to prepare for next winter's long and heavy pull.

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WHAT IS the difference between education and training? Have we, within recent years, begun to disregard the value of one and make a fetish of the other?

Training is simply acquiring the technical "know how" with which to perform the functions necessary for our daily work, or work in which we expect (or hope) to be engaged. But technical skill, while it has made possible most of our modern advancements, does not necessarily constitute an education.

It has become quite common for many of us to stop at the point where we have acquired the ability to make a living. Altogether too few of us have explored the great storehouse of knowledge, and the numerous avenues for mental and ethical development. Education moulds the mentality in a manner which enables us to capitalize on our natural aptitudes. It enables us to think for ourselves, and gives us confidence along with mental discipline.

Education makes people easy to lead but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave. It shapes their character and determines their social destiny. In fact, the extent to which we have educated ourselves, in or outside of school, shows in everything we do. Indeed, training gives us the means through which we can acquire our everyday necessities, but education enables us to live more richly with the products of our labors. Let's not lose sight of the difference.

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THE JUDGES have met again to choose the winner of the departmental scribes contest. After due deliberation, they decided that the Customer's column written by Paul Strom had an edge over the rest of the columns.

The judges who made the decision for this month's contest were: Mrs. C. E. Henderson, the Bastian Blessing Company, and Ralph Robinson, The Austenal Laboratories, Incorporated.

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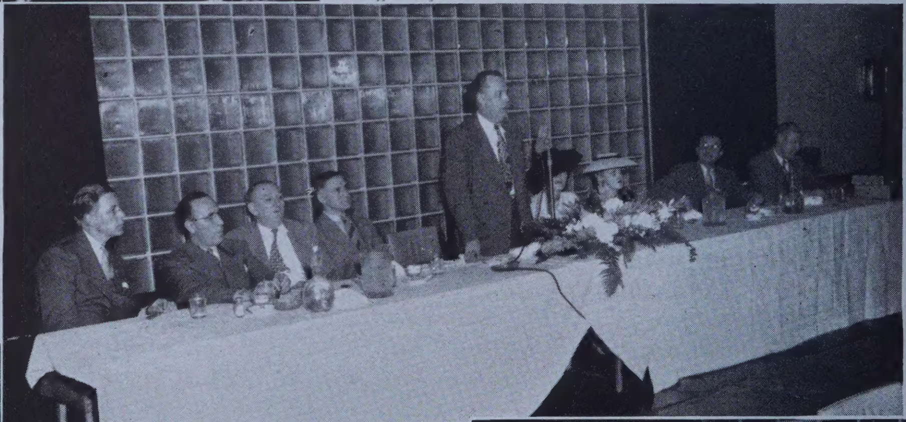
The Cover

ON THIS MONTH'S cover, we present a striking view of the tall tower-like structures which contain the scrubbing apparatus for removing impurities in manufactured gas. The equipment is located at Division Street Station, and the photo was made by a staff photographer.

Getting Serious about Safety

Above, Karl B. Nagler, vice president in Charge of Operation, addresses the gas men attending the safety meeting June 17, at the Merchandise Mart.

Above, a general view of the assembled crowd at the Safety Meeting, showing the speakers in the background.



Below, at the speakers' table were, left to right, Dr. Howard Lindberg, Leslie Brandt, John Novy, K. B. Nagler, Vice President Eskil I. Bjork, Anita Blair, Rosemary Powers, Joseph Stech, of the Greater Chicago Safety Council, and Safety Director E. S. Beaumont.

At left, Anita Blair, the blind girl, and her "seeing-eye dog," Fawn, who told of her escape from the LaSalle Hotel Fire. Her safety message was impressive.

At right, Milton Levey opens his bag of tricks, and uses one on Joseph Spain of South District.

Safety Program Given Sendoff At Meeting Held On June 17

Amidst praises over the safety accomplishments of Peoples Gas employes during the year just past, and words of inspiration for continuing or bettering their present record, the supervisory force of the Company attended a big safety send off meeting in the Merchandise Mart, on June 17.

Toastmaster at the affair was Vice President E. I. Bjork, who referred to the value of safety consciousness as a factor in the reduction of accidents, urging that it be applied "day in and day out, year in and year out, not only at work but in all of our activities."

Vice President K. B. Nagler, when called upon, reviewed some of the safety milestones of the past, reminding the audience of the 500 to 600 accident rate per year which prevailed at the start of the safety program a few years ago. Since that time the rate has been cut almost in half. Said Mr. Nagler, "We in the Operating Division are continually and primarily concerned with safety practices, what they are, how they can be improved." He urged the "men on the firing line" to carry the precepts of the safety program into their work, and make it a part of their everyday life. Unless they do that, the safety program will fail, the speaker said, and much human suffering can result.

Blind Girl Speaks

Highlighting the program was the appearance of Anita Blair, and her "seeing-eye-dog," Fawn, whose calm in the midst of the confusion at the recent Hotel LaSalle fire saved their lives, and created considerable comment in the daily press.

After her introduction by Safety Supervisor E. S. Beaumont, she disclosed the dangers which are inherent in the life of blind people everywhere when moving about, and how they depend upon orderly traffic for their safety. Miss Blair, who has been blind only six years, following an automobile accident, described her adjustment to the perpetual darkness, and reviewed the training received by both she and her dog, Fawn, before venturing forth alone. She gave a demonstration of the language and the signals which the dog understands, and showed how the harness is used to transmit, by sense of feeling, every movement the dog makes.

Miss Blair proved that the act of keeping a level head in emergencies pays dividends, and that, if a blind person and a dog can sense traffic flow to avoid trouble, we, with sight, should certainly be qualified to do so.

After Milton J. Levey, manager of the Irving Park branch office, entertained with numerous tricks of magic, E. S. Baumont peppered his talk with the statement that "Safety work is not magic—just a matter of concentrating on what we do, how we do it, and, furthermore, of getting into the habit of avoiding unsafe practices.

Deveney Vice President of Blast Furnace Association

Walter T. Deveney, superintendent of Crawford Station, was elected vice president of the Blast Furnace and Coke Association (Chicago District) at a meeting of the association held June 7 at the Lincolnshire Country Club.

W. T. Deveney

Mr. Deveney, who served as secretary-treasurer of the organization last year, was elected on the "Peoples Choice" ticket—one having a double connotation, inasmuch as there are several members from Peoples Gas.

Suggestion Ideas During June Bring Total of $225 in Awards

The Suggestion Committee awarded 25 employes $225 for suggestions submitted and passed on during the month of June.

Henry Schabes, South District, received $25 for his idea which proposed attaching a combination ramp and lock on trailers carrying certain portable equipment.

Steven Jorfe, Customers Order, who suggested listing unit numbers numerically with Collection Zone indicated so that clerks could tell more quickly which Collection Zone unit number was in, was the recipient of $15 for that suggestion.

A total of $15 was given to Harold Witkop, Stores-Warehouse, for two suggestions submitted, and Patrick Daly, also of Stores-Warehouse, received $15 for three suggestions accepted by the Committee.

Nine $10 winners were: Edward Barrett, South District; James Minehan, Customers Order; William Morgan and Clyde Traise, Central District; Jack Abrams, Gilbert Button, and Daniel Driscoll, Credit and Collection; and Frank Zeman and Emil Irving, Customer Accounting.

Suggesters Jack Tracey, Stores Department, and William Kelsey, Customers, turned in two suggestions netting them each $10.

Winners of $5 awards were: Francis Klawitter, Distribution; Grant Kerrigan, Domestic Sales; Millard Keller, Stores - Warehouse; Julia Petrauskas, Stationery; Harold Moroney, Central District; Joseph Semik, Meter Reading; Frank Snyder, Credit and Collection; Richard Williams, 110th Street Station, and Paul Strom, Customers.

These Ideas Were Acted Upon by the Suggestion Committee

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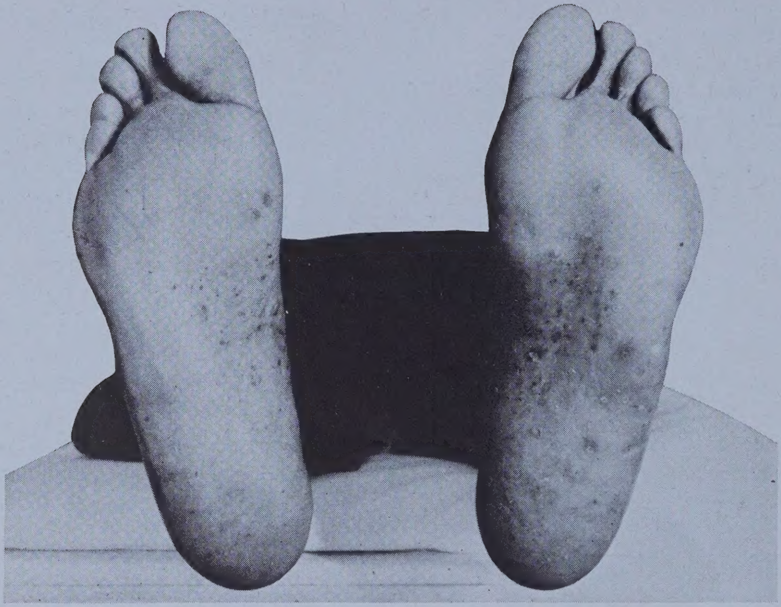


An acute case of EPIDERMOPHYTOSIS—a summer flareup of a mild infection of the toes

Let's Start From Scratch

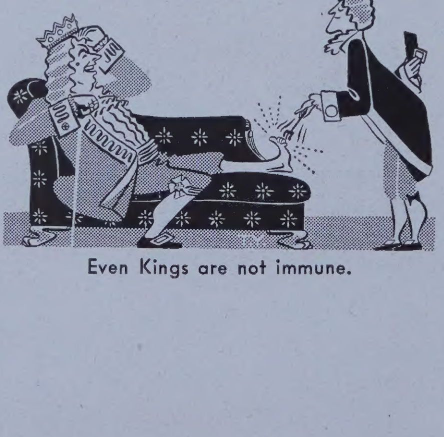
A Story Which Gives the "Low-Down" on an Affliction Which is High on the Discomfort List

By Walter E. Hook, M. D.
and
Howard A. Lindberg, M. D.

Almost all of us have now—or have had—athlete's foot, either in a mild or severe form. The majority of cases are mild, only occasionally flaring up and becoming active. Healthy young people who indulge in group athletics are more apt to be affected than others because of excessive foot perspiration, infection from shower and gymnasium floors, and other causes. Nevertheless, the disease is not at all confined to "athletes." In fact, the name "Athlete's Foot," one of the most widely known by the American public, is completely misleading and was devised for commercial sales appeal to promote a proprietary medicine. Because of the popularity of the term, the public spends unbelievable amounts of money each year to purchase "cures" which are advertised in newspapers, magazines and on the radio—despite the repeated warnings of medical authorities that many of these remedies are ineffective and some may be actually harmful!

"Athlete's Foot" is not by any means a "new disease." Under various names, it has been known since earliest times—in ancient Greece, Rome, India, and China. In fact, it was common among the early Romans because of its transmission in the Roman baths just as it is spread today in swimming pools and on the beaches. Tiny brushes were provided in the baths for foot scratching as a part of general body massage. It is said that one luckless gladiator lost his head in the arena when the Emperor Nero reached down to scratch his itching foot. The gladiator's opponent, interpreting Nero's gesture as a "thumbs down" sign, proceeded to lop off the poor fellow's head. In Medieval times, King Hoel of Wales actually employed a servant to scratch the royal feet from dinnertime until bedtime. From reports of the British Ambassador in Paris, in the time of the Louis', no less a personage than Louis XIV of France was a victim of athlete's foot. The unlucky courtiers who were honored in assisting at the morning ritual of dressing the King are said to have noted with anything but pleasure the incredible odors which arose from the imperial appendages, covered with their moist and whitish patches. Ringworm of the feet has always been a very democratic disease—even kings are not immune! Another form of fungus skin disease, "dhobie" or washerman's itch, has been known for a long time to be widely spread throughout the South Pacific, China, India, and the Eastern Archipelago. In the recent war, fungus infections of the skin were one of the major medical problems especially among military personnel stationed in hot and humid climates throughout the world.

Athlete's foot or ringworm infection of the feet may be classified more scientifically as "dermatophytosis" (der-mat-o-fi-to'-sis) or "dermatomycosis" (der-mat-o-mi-ko'-sis). Usually the condition is easily recognizable in its several forms (see illustration): (1) rough, cracked, peeling, soggy skin between the toes, especially the fourth and fifth toes; (2) small, itching blisters between and about the toes which leave a raw surface after scratching; (3) thickening of the skin on the soles of the feet to form sodden or dry calluses which may flake or peel off and itch intensely; and (4) more rarely, skin reactions about the hands, armpits, groins or nails which look like eczema and which are probably allergic in nature. These your doctor calls "id" reactions, and this will explain why he may have searched your feet carefully for ringworm when you consulted him for what appeared to you to be ordinary eczema of the hands or body.



Even Kings are not immune.

Ordinarily, in the nonactive stage of athlete's foot, just a little itching or peeling between the fourth and fifth toes is noticed. Scrapings of the skin and examination of these particles under the microscope will often reveal the tiny organisms which are the cause of the disease. These are fungi (fun'-ji) which are a low form of plant life closely related to yeasts and mushrooms. It was not until 1841 that an obscure Hungarian physician in Paris, Dr. David Gruby, discovered that these organisms can cause disease of the human skin—an idea for which he was ridiculed by his contemporaries. The most common fungi to cause athlete's foot are called trichophytons and epidermophytons which give rise to those frightening names you may have heard from your physician—trichophytosis (trik-o-fi-to'-sis) and epidermophytosis (ep-e-der-mo-fi-to'-sis). These tiny organisms have certain outstanding characteristics: (1) they cause diseases only of the skin and not of other organs, which explains why athlete's foot is annoying but seldom dangerous; (2) they grow and multiply only in dead tissue and not in living cells—the reason why the disease usually starts in the toenails or the dead skin between the toes or on the soles of the feet; (3) they thrive where there is moisture and warmth; (4) they can remain sleeping in the skin for months or years and suddenly become active and multiply when conditions for growth are right. In the summertime—along with cool drinks, golf, tennis and swimming—often come those familiar itching feet! At only such times do we usually notice our neglected feet, although in a lifetime they take the average person far enough to go around the world more than twice.

The two most important principles in the treatment of athlete's foot are the prevention of infection or reinfection and proper foot hygiene.

Today the problem is so important in military and industrial life that the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association has recently adopted as an official report the studies of specially selected experts in this field. These specialists warn us that self-treatment should be limited to prevention and to the care of mild infections where there is only scaliness, slight redness or cracking between the toes. For more advanced cases, treatment should be directed by a physician. There is far more danger from overtreatment with chemicals and proprietary medicines than from undertreatment!

Preventive Treatment

SHOES

Shoes or slippers should be worn at all times since wood or cement floors may be contaminated with fungi for long periods of time. This is most important in gymnasiums, showers, swimming pools, and bathroom floors. Wooden clogs can be purchased at almost all stores and should be used.

Shoes should be as light and as well-ventilated as possible. They should be roomy but not large enough to chafe or rub. The open-sandal type of shoe is excellent for the control of athlete's foot. A number of cases will clear up after just going barefoot for a short time. It is important to change shoes often—every day if possible. When shoes or slippers are not being worn, they should be frequently sunned in the open air. Of course, slippers, shoes or socks should never be worn by other persons whose feet may be infected.

No matter what treatment is used on the feet, there is the constant possibility of reinfection unless shoes are thoroughly disinfected. This can be done most easily in the following manner: Saturate a cloth or blotter with formaldehyde, swab out the interior of the shoes and leave the blotter in the toe of the shoes. Then wrap the shoes in a newspaper and place them in a tight box for 24 to 48 hours. The shoes may then be sunned. This is an effective way to kill all the parasites and the leather of the shoes will not be injured by the formaldehyde fumes. Special care should be exercised in handling the formaldehyde, so that the concentrated liquid does not come in contact with the hands.

HOSIERY

Socks and stockings should be changed at least twice daily. It is preferable to use white socks which can be boiled after each wearing for they can harbor the fungi and cause reinfection just as the shoes. Socks should be absorbent, light and preferably not too coarse.

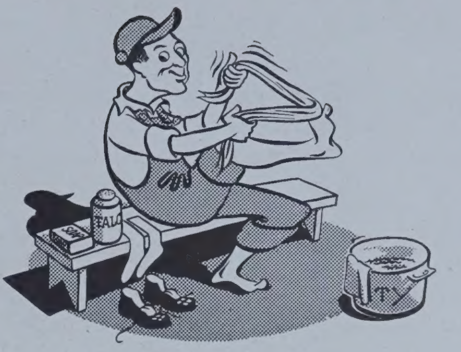
FLOORS

Contaminated floors in showers, pools, or bathrooms should be frequently and thoroughly scrubbed with soap and water. Often it is advisable to cleanse the floor with an antiseptic solution such as 2% cresol. A duck board in showers has proved to be very effective. Bath mats are excellent for the bathroom floor and tub at home. Of course, they should be thoroughly and frequently cleaned.

FOOT HYGIENE

The cardinal principles of foot hygiene are cleanliness and dryness. Wash the feet at least once a day with warm water and a mild soap, being careful to wash well between the toes. If the feet perspire excessively, they should be washed more frequently. Drying with a clean towel or a paper towel should be done with care. Needless to say, a towel should be used only once and then only by one person. In drying the toes, particular attention should be given to careful drying between the toes—using a blotting motion rather than hard rubbing which will irritate the skin. Of course, the feet should be the last part of the body to be dried or the ringworm infection may be spread to other parts of the body. If there is crumbly nail material or loose sodden skin between the toes, this may be removed. A mild alcoholic solution such as 25% or 50% alcohol or a toilet water is often helpful after drying. Sometimes it is difficult to keep the area between the toes dry because they are too close together. In this case, insert pledgets of cotton or lamb's wool between the toes.

"Athlete's Foot" was common among the Romans. It is said that Emperor Nero found it a bother.



"The wrong way."

Foot powders should be liberally applied after bathing and drying the feet each time. Plain talcum or talcum with 10% boric acid are probably the simplest and the best dusting powders. An excellent foot powder is available in the Medical Section.

Avoid all proprietary medicines, especially those containing iodine, mercury, sulphur, or sulfa drugs, unless prescribed by a physician. Sulfonamide drugs occasionally sensitize an individual and may prevent their use later when they may urgently be needed for some serious disease.

Active Treatment

As pointed out above, any other treatment of athlete's foot should be prescribed only by a physician. If "active treatment" is necessary, employes are urged to come to the Medical Department for advice. A large number of remedies have been tried, of which mention will be made of only a few. Whitfield's ointment is one of the oldest—the salicylic acid in the ointment softening the hard corny layers of the skin and allowing the other drug, benzoic acid, to attack the fungi. For acutely inflamed feet with much infection, foot baths with weak potassium permanganate solution are often prescribed. Occasionally, other antiseptics as tincture of iodine, merthiolate, mercurochrome, etc., are employed. Cautiously used, sulfadiazine or sulfathiazole ointment may be very effective.

Most recently research workers have found a new weapon against fungi—certain complex fatty acids which were first found in sweat. The strongest of these is undecylenic acid which is now prepared in an ointment. Another chemical substance, which has been widely used, is proprionic acid.

However, in summary, it is far better for us to treat our feet carefully and avoid infection with athlete's foot than to undergo the considerable expense of time and money lost which the disease can cause when it is allowed to go unchecked. Attention to simple principles of prevention is both easy and effective!

The girls who look so pleased above must have had a "sneak preview" of the Gas Post's Poppy Day results. Pictured left to right are, top row: Lorraine Hallman, Ruth Zalud, Dorothy Wallery, and Mary McGuire. 2nd Row: Frances Weismantel, Helen Lameika, Lucille Cummings, Ceinwen Thomas, and Irene Milke. 3rd Row: Eleanor Mayer, Frances Edom, Lillian Grasenick, Mabelle Bruzek, Helen Nevins, and Margaret Behren. 4th Row: Evelyn Toole, Betty Bowers, Evelyn Strohm, Josephine Rizzo, Rita Greenfield, Rita Patterson, and Grace Whited.

THE 25 GIRLS who sold poppies for the Peoples Gas American Legion Post No. 336, on May 27, may well pat themselves on the back, for, according to statistics, they made a commendable record.

The girls were stationed at various strategic spots in the block which includes the Main office; also the entrances to the Grant Park parking area and the Art Institute.

At the close of their working day, the Gas Post Poppy Day Committee learned that they had sold their entire supply of the red flowers—an unprecedented record for the Post. The Poppy sellers may also be proud of the fact that when the "reckoning" in cash was made, it was found that the sales far surpassed those of any other year.

New Gas Post Colors were dedicated on May 21. Pictured are: Leon Peikes, W. G. Burns, Albert Ward, and Leo LaGesse

Eleanore Coambs and Milo Maione Win Club Golf Tournament

A CROWD of three hundred people, the largest aggregation of Gas Club golfers to attend a tournament within recent years, enjoyed a perfect day and an unusual program at the Annual Spring Golf Party, held at St. Andrews, on June 22.

There was a sparkling display of prizes to whet their enthusiasm, and sufficient additional attractions for the day and evening to lend a carnival atmosphere to the affair. Most of those who attended stayed for the evening program, and a large number of Gas Folk came for the dining and dancing which lasted until midnight.

In the regular low gross competition among the girls, Eleanore Coambs, General Accounting, took first prize. Winners of second and third places, respectively, were Lois Blotter, Domestic Sales, and Marge Waits, Property Accounting.

The lowest scorer in the men's group was Milo Maione, Crawford Station. He was followed by Martin Walsh, Central District, and Harry Reimer, Engineering, who took second and third places respectively.

Additional prizes for the longest drives were awarded on the basis of the closest approach for the women players, and for the longest drives among the men. The closest approach shot among the ladies was accomplished by Mary Richards, Auditing. Second place winner was LaVerne Kasmer, Customers Order, and third place winner, Madalyn Drysdale, General Accounting.

First prize for the longest wallop on the 9th tee among the men went to Ben Stogentine, Chicago District Pipeline Company. Second place went to Tom Allen of the same Company. Mike Lambke, Commercial Sales, took third.

At the tournament, sometime during the evening, a Gladstone bag, bearing the initials C.W.H. was lost. Anyone finding same please call local 486.

The 32 low gross scorers at the spring tournament will compete in individual matches for the privilege of taking part in the finals for the G. A. Ranney Trophy. The finals will be played at the Fall tournament, at Gleneagles, September 7.

Service Anniversaries

June

45 YEARS

Schmidt, Gustaf A. Archives Department

40 YEARS

Delves, Wilfred A. . Treasurer's Office
Foszcz, George. . . . . North Station
Walsh, James. . . . . Meter Shop
Whammond, James. . . Industrial Sales

35 YEARS

Bogustawski, John. . . . . South Station
Cummings, Raymond J. Crawford Station
Logan, Guy J. . . . . Domestic Sales
Schultheis, Albert. . . . . North District

30 YEARS

Carre, William H. . . . . . Meter Reading
Nelson, Arthur G. . . . Customers' Order

25 YEARS

Frelo, Anthony J. . . . . . South District
Kane, Thomas A. . . . . Stores
Henry, Thomas. . . . . . Central District
McGinnis, John P. General Accounting
Randich, Martin T. . . . . South District

July

40 YEARS

Hill, Charles J., Auditor
Kluth, Fred, South District
Los, John, South Station
Marquardt, Albert, North Station
McCoshim, Donald W., Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer
Murphy, James F. J., Stores—Warehouse

35 YEARS

Flanagan, Edward J., Customers
Granberg, Arthur W., Property Accounting
Lynch, James J., Domestic Sales
Ohmacht, Walter F., Credit & Collection
Rudinski, Walter J., Customer Accounting

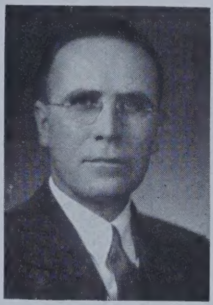
30 YEARS

Hayes, Patrick L., Customer Accounting
Keeley, Thomas, North District
LaRocca, Robert M., Stores
McCarthy, Michael, North District

25 YEARS

Buslovich, Emil, South District
Christoff, Boris, Crawford Station
Farrell, Michael J., Credit & Collection
Harmon, Lawson, South Station
Lorenz, Fred J., Peoples Gas Building
Morley, F. C., Central District
Pocius, Benny, Customer Accounting
Rink, Harold J., Crawford Station
Sterk, Henry J., Meter Shop
Woodrich, Nicholas, South District
Wurster, Franklin C., North District

Six Gas Men Receive New Appointments During June



Leslie Brandt was appointed director of employe relations on June 17. He will continue in his capacity as assistant to the vice president in charge of Finance and Personnel, an assignment which was made on August 9. He joined the Peoples Gas Organization in 1934. Mr. Brandt received his master's degree from the University of Michigan.

On June 17, William Hollweg was appointed budget director assuming charge of the Budget Department. Mr. Hollweg held the position of assistant budget director since December, 1942. Before being transferred to the Budget Department he was an executive office assistant reporting to Vice President E. I. Bjork. Mr. Hollweg came to work for the Company in October, 1933. He is a graduate of Northwestern University.

As of June 17, Charles Jensen was promoted to the position of assistant budget director to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Mr. Hollweg. Mr. Jensen has been employed by the Company since 1932, and has been a member of the Budget Department since 1935. Mr. Jensen is a graduate of Purdue.

Charles Wege was appointed superintendent of 22nd Street Station as of June 1. Mr. Wege, who has a continuous service record of 21 years with the Company, succeeds John Johnsen, who was retired after 47 years of service.

Since May, 1943, and up to the time of his new appointment, Mr. Wege was assistant superintendent of Division Station. Mr. Wege graduated from Lewis Institute.

Beginning on June 1, William Menet's title was changed to assistant superintendent of the Meter Shop, from acting assistant superintendent of that department. Mr. Menet's service record dates from the year 1912, and most of his career was spent at Central District, from which he was transferred in March, 1946.

John O'Connor, who has returned to the Company after over four years in military service, was appointed assistant superintendent of Division Street Station on June 1.

Mr. O'Connor joined the Peoples Gas organization in December, 1931. When he was granted his military leave, in 1942, he was assistant superintendent of Central District. Mr. O'Connor graduated from Carnegie Tech.

Announce Salary Raise for Non-Supervisory Employes

In a letter addressed to the salaried employes of The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, and the Chicago By-Products Corporation, dated June 18, President George F. Mitchell announced an increase in salary for all employes below the grade of supervisor or foreman, who were on the payrolls as of June 17, 1946. The letter stated that the increase was to be effective as of May 1, 1946, or in the case of employes who were hired since May 1, 1946, as of the date of their employment. All employes in a given job classification received the same increase.

The following table sets forth the amount of increase in monthly salary in connection with job classifications affected:

	If the maximum rate for the job held on June 17, 1946, is between—	Then the increase in monthly salary is—
(a)	$100 and 159, both inclusive	$ 8
(b)	160 and 179, both inclusive	10
(c)	180 and 199, both inclusive	12
(d)	200 and 219, both inclusive	14
(e)	220 and 449, both inclusive	16

The increases announced in the letter do not apply to salaried employes in specific bargaining units.

It was further stated that the retroactive portions of the increases will be paid as soon as possible after the necessary detail work is completed.

John Johnsen Retires After 47 Years

WHEN JOHN JOHNSEN, former superintendent of 22nd Street Station, was retired May 31, after 47 years of service, a luncheon at the Illinois Athletic Club in his honor was attended by over 40 of his associates.

During those 47 years Mr. Johnsen perceived the changes in the art of gas manufacture, watched the Company's expansion and changeover from candle power to heating value standard, as well as the introduction of mixed manufactured and natural gas, and experienced the improvement of working conditions.

Mr. Johnsen was employed in May, 1899, at 24th Street (Consumers Station), and worked at a number of jobs until he was made a foreman in 1909.

In 1918 Mr. Johnsen entered Naval military service returning in 1919 to become night superintendent at Pitney Court Station. He was then made assistant superintendent of Division Street Station prior to his promotion to superintendent of that Station. He was transferred to South Station as superintendent in October, 1926, and in March, 1941, he was made superintendent of 22nd Street Station.

The above picture shows John Johnsen being congratulated upon his long and useful career by Karl Nagler, vice president in charge of operation. They are flanked by Walter Deveney (left), superintendent Crawford Station, and William Moroney, annuitant.

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION was put in the "secret" category even before World War II began. Every country sought ways of making goods faster, cheaper, and better. Every country sought substitutes for old materials and new materials to do things the old ones couldn't. Millions of dollars were spent on research, and the findings were kept under lock and key. Now these war secrets are released to American business for the first time. The Library has subscribed to a new government service which will give us access to information on these wartime scientific and technical advances. THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL REPORTS is published weekly, each report listed by subject and author, and includes an abstract and price of the report. Reports cover all fields of industry and research. There is information on new products, new materials, new production methods. Many reports have been prepared by expert United States technical personnel; others are original foreign documents. Over 400 American scientists and industrial men have gone to Germany and brought back reports. Many are still there and this work still goes on. Over 100 more are expected to begin soon the enormous task of studying documents collected from all over Germany. The Bibliography will be available in the Library for reference.

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CUSTOMER ACCOUNTING PRACTICES AND POLICIES, which we have added to the Accounting Section, represents one of the most pretentious efforts of the utility industry to cover the whole field of customer accounting at one time. This is a joint report of the Edison Electric Institute and the American Gas Association, and will serve as a basis for research to discover or develop more simplified methods for the purpose of increasing the quality of service to customers and for decreasing costs.

It is nice to find Mr. Harry Swenson of Display & Home Planning and Mr. C. G. Cassidy, Advertising, receiving such acclaim for their work on the NEW FREEDOM GAS KITCHEN BOOKLET as mentioned in the A.G.A. monthly.

Overflow Crowd at Club Golf Tournament, June 22

It was a busy day for Carl Haase, and Frank Walsh, who recorded the long drives of the men in a special "tee-off" competition. They are shown below labeling the shot made by Clyde DuVall of the Accounting.

The registration desk, manned by Harry Reimer, Engineering, did a rush business during the day. He is shown with James Snyder, Treasury, Ray Warne, North District, and Clyde DuVall, Accounting. The girls in the picture below disappeared before they could be identified.

Above, Golf Chairman Elmer Christell, and two of the Golf Committee members, Yvonne Hewitt and William Hickey, were photoed with some of the prizes won by employes.

Above, Harriet Monahan, Bookkeeping, and Alice Wasson, Accounting, congratulate the winner of the "long drive" competition for girls, Mary Richards of the Accounting. She is holding the golf balls she won as prize.

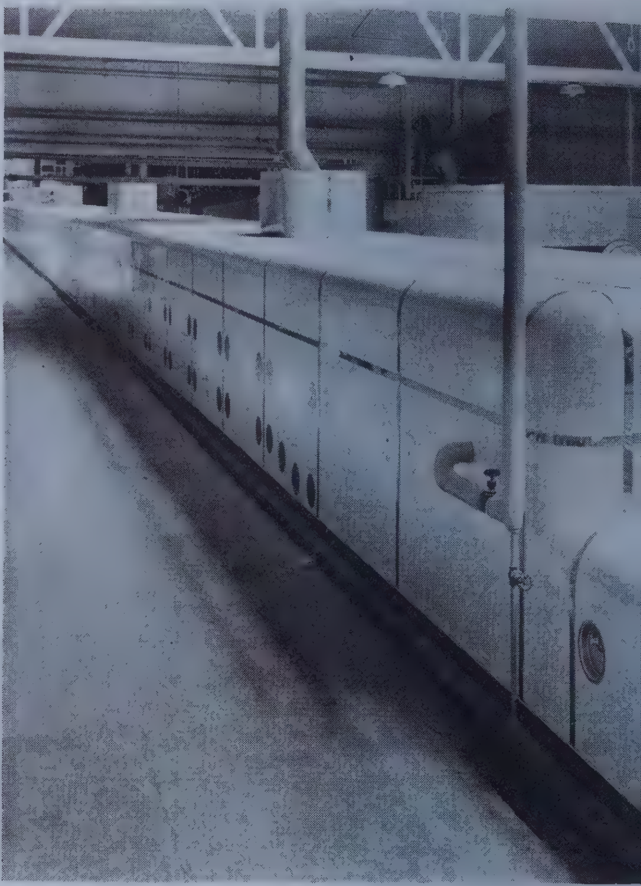
Below, Frank McDonald, Customers, and Stanley Modzikowski, Testing, watch Richard Cahill, Customers, tee off.

Quite a number of Gas Club golfers took advantage of the opportunity to learn a few pointers about golf from a professional. They are shown in the picture below taking a lesson in holding the club properly.

BIGGER
and Better with Gas!

by BILL HELME

"Mommy - I Want a Salerno Butter Cookie!"
Salerno Graham Crackers
Salerno Saltine Crackers
Salerno Cocoanut Bars
Salerno Butter Cookies



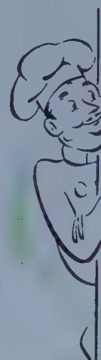
SLEEK and trim as a streamlined train —and nearly a block long—is as good a description as any of a gas-fired continuous bake oven now in operation at the plant of the Salerno-Megowen Biscuit Company. Housed in immaculate white enamel and trimmed with well-polished chromium, this equipment represents the world's most up-to-the-minute baking line. It is completely automatic from the time the dough is fed in at the loading end until it emerges far down the line in the form of delectably baked crackers or butter cookies. This operation takes less than four minutes and 156 gas burners spaced at just the right places insure a uniformly controlled heat the complete length of the combustion chamber.

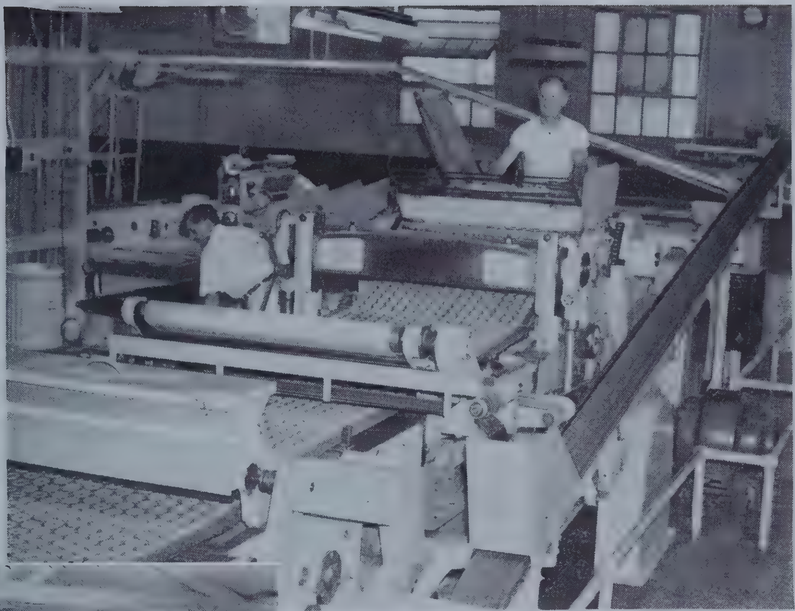
Like soldiers on parade, the freshly baked butter cookies come out of the oven in countless rows and are carried by conveyor in a seemingly never-ceasing procession to the packing table where a crew of nimble-fingered girls quickly pack them into attractive packages wrapped in cellophane. The individual packages are then put into heavy cardboard cartons and sent to the shipping department. A fleet of fast trucks is on hand to whisk them away at frequent intervals to the distribution centers of the nation.

Erected especially for the Salerno plant during the war, this oven was an important factor in supplying our armed forces with an almost unbelievable volume of Army K-Rations. Back now on peacetime production in a plant where over 25 million crispy crackers and tasty butter cookies are baked daily, this eye-appealing example of engineering skill is helping to maintain the Salerno tradition—"To produce not all the biscuits in the world but the best."

Upper Left—Our good-looking model, Louis C. Stucker, Jr., whose mother, dad, and grandfather are well-known in gas company circles, not only listens to the radio commercials but seems to know what he wants.

Above—The world's most up-to-the-minute baking line shows the unbaked cookies entering the gas-fired oven by conveyor on their long trip thru the combustion chamber.





TO THE WORLD

Left—Operator feeding dough into loading end. When it emerges far down the line, it will be in the form of delectably baked crackers or butter cookies.

Below—"Here they come. Boy! Do they smell good?" They are on their way by conveyor to the packing table. They will soon be on the shelves of your favorite grocer.

BUILT ESPECIALLY FOR SALERNO
BY
Thomas L. Green & Company
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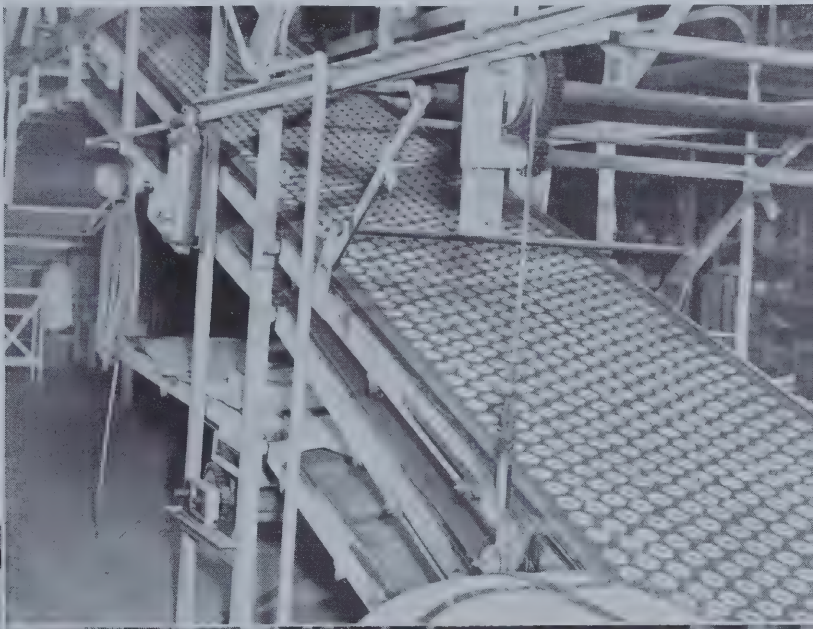

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Above—View of oven showing the 156 burner observation ports. The automatic control equipment and gas piping is completely housed in side panels.

For a different entree try a potato omelet. These two basic foods, eggs and potatoes combine to make a delightful dish for summer luncheon or supper.

The Women's Slant

By
marie c. meyers
and
martha holmes

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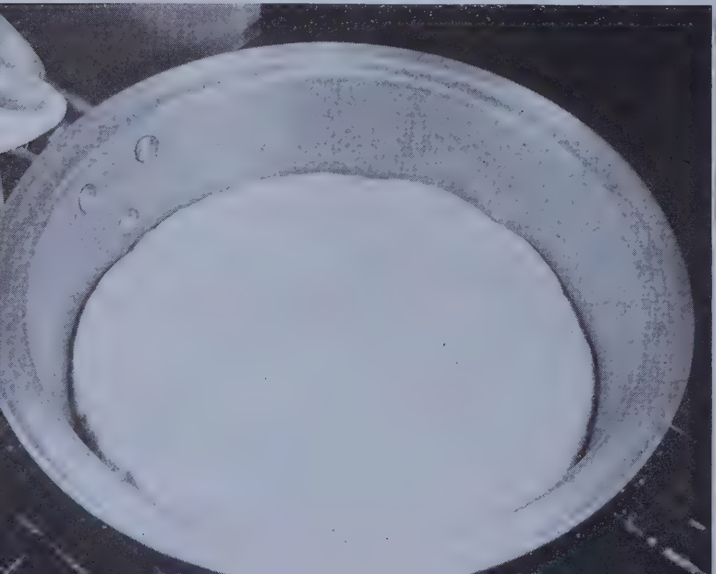
For best results, boil unpared potatoes in a small amount of water. Scrub well, place in a sauce pan with a small amount of salted boiling water—½ inch in depth. Cover and boil gently until potatoes are tender, 25 to 30 minutes.

2↓ Beat 3 egg yolks and 3 tablespoons of milk into 1 cup mashed potatoes until the mixture is smooth. Add ¼ teaspoon grated onion, 1 teaspoon chopped parsley, 1 teaspoon salt and a few grains of white pepper. Fold in 3 egg whites.

3↓ Pour mixture in a greased skillet and cook over a low gas flame until slightly brown on the underside. Then place the skillet in a slow oven (325 degrees) for 15 minutes.



Remove the omelet from the oven, score in the center. Fold over in the middle and lift to the serving platter.

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Perk up menus by serving potatoes in various ways. The potato omelet may be accompanied by a mushroom or shrimp sauce. There are two kinds of potato salad; hot, cold—use them both. Potato pancakes, applesauce and bacon can be the foundation of a good meal. Potato soup, potato souffle, potato dumplings, and potato rolls are all excellent ways of serving the excellent spud.

Back on the Job

After Serving with Uncle Sam

Edward Kane resumed his duties in the General Accounting Department as a senior accounting clerk after spending four years in the Navy. He joined the Navy as a seaman, but was chief storekeeper at the time of his discharge.

Edward Kane

Ed was sent to many of the islands in the Northwest Pacific and as a result of action there, he wore the American theatre of operations ribbon, an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon, and a good conduct ribbon.

He is grateful for the fact that he met some fine fellows in the service because some of these acquaintances turned into real friends.

James Harrison, Meter Reading, spent 22 months of his four and a half years in the Army overseas, stopping in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg.

James Harrison

He was with the 1st Army in Europe as a technician fourth grade and wore a European theatre of operations ribbon with five battle stars and a good conduct ribbon.

Jim says his most unusual experience was his boat ride back to the United States. The ocean was very rough and he felt very much relieved when he was able to feel dry land under him.

As a gunner on a troop transport ship, *Jack Shannon* spent 19 of his 21 months in service going to Africa, Scotland, England, and France before he left the Navy to return to the Meter Reading Department.

Jack Shannon

Jack has an American Defense and a European theatre of operations ribbon to show for his time in the service.

He says that Navy life for him was merely a matter of routine. While not recalling any one outstanding incident, he disclosed that he had crossed the ocean twenty-eight times.

Robert McAdams, Meter Reading, was for 40 months, a rifleman-machine-gunner and Infantry athletic instructor.

Robert McAdams

Bob spent 18 months overseas in Hawaii, Guadalcanal, Peleliu, New Caledonia, Leyte, and Japan. He received the American theatre of operations ribbon, a Philippine liberation ribbon with one star, an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon with three stars, an arrowhead for being in the first wave, a good conduct ribbon, a silver star for gallantry in action, and a combat infantryman's badge.

In the landing at Peleliu his unit was among the first wave to hit the beach. The Japs made hits with mortar shell on both sides of their boat, but, fortunately, were not successful in hitting them.

After spending 40 months in the amphibious force of the Navy attached to a beach battalion, *Dan Kelsey* was glad to get back to the problems of civilian life and the General Accounting Department.

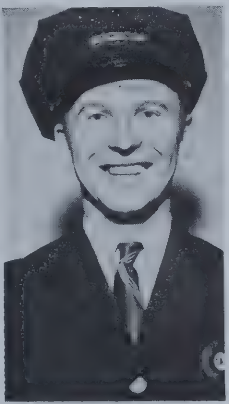
Dan Kelsey

Dan was a seaman first class when he entered service, but at the time of his release he was boatswain's mate first class.

He was in the European Area for 18 months traveling to Africa, Salerno, Anzio, and Southern France, and was then land-based at Guam for six months. Dan received an American theatre defense ribbon, a European theatre of operations ribbon with four battle stars, an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon, and a good conduct ribbon.

Dan says that the first time he was with an actual invasion party going into Sicily was one of the things he remembers most vividly. That particular time, they landed 240,000 men in a 24 hour period. To the more experienced it seemed like an easy landing but for him it was touchy. It was like holding one's breath before plunging into cold water.

When *Wilfred Schnackenberg* returned to the Company to take up his duties in the Meter Reading Department, he had just been discharged as a technician third grade from the Army Signal Corps.


Wilfred Schnackenberg

Wilfred spent 15 months in England, France, Belgium, Germany, and the Philippines, where he was wire chief and carrier man in charge of establishing communications between the divisions.

Wilfred was an Army man for two

and a half years, for which he received a European theatre of operations ribbon with two bronze battle stars, an American Campaign medal, an Asiatic Pacific Campaign ribbon, and a good conduct ribbon.

A five day pass to Edinburgh, Scotland, around the last of the year, seems to have been his most memorable experience. He says he was able to celebrate the entrance of the New Year in good old American style, and had a fine time.

John Jensen

It would seem that *John Jensen* likes to wear uniforms, especially blue uniforms, for when he returned from 32 months of service in the Navy, he donned the blue uniform of a meter reader. John had formerly been a member of the Bill Delivery Department.

As a coxswain in an amphibian unit, John had a taste of both war areas, traveling 16 months in England and France and six months in Japan. As a reminder of his journeys he holds an American Area Campaign bar, a European African Middle Eastern Area Campaign medal, and an Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign medal.

While in Weymouth, England, in April 1944, he experienced his first air raid. Planes came over dropping bombs, although he says the concussion was not actually as dangerous as the shrapnel which they had to dodge.

Joseph Moriarty

Joseph Moriarty has returned to the comparative quiet of civilian life after spending more than three years in the Army as an infantry rifleman. Before his military leave of absence he worked in the Bill Delivery Department, but upon his return, was promoted to the Meter Reading Department.

Joe was private first class at the time of his release from service and had spent eleven months in France, Germany, and Austria.

He sported two battle stars on his European theatre of operations ribbon, and wore, as well, an American theatre of operations ribbon, a good conduct ribbon, and a combat infantry badge.

He says his most hair-raising experience was his first day in combat when they were going into Vichy, France. He struggled through the day without injury, but the shooting was too close for comfort.

Walter Detten

Walter Detten, Meter Reader, was a member of the Medical Corps in the Army for 2½ years before he returned to the Company to resume his duties in the Meter Reading Department.

As a technician third grade, Walter was attached to the surgery branch of a large general hospital in England for 13 months, where he cared for the wounded and ill. He wore a good conduct ribbon, and American theatre of operations ribbon, and a European theatre of operations ribbon.

Walter says the most pleasant span of time he remembers were his six day boat trips overseas and back.

James Doherty

James Doherty was a member of the Bill Delivery Department before he left to join the Navy as an apprentice seaman. After almost three and a half years in the Navy he returned to Peoples Gas and was placed in the Meter Reading Department.

Jim became an aviation radioman first class after attending radio school, and later he proceeded to Alameda, California, to join his squad. He took operational training in San Diego, and went on a shake-down cruise to qualify for landings and take-offs from an air craft carrier before he was sent to Tripoli and Casablanca.

Jim received a European theatre of operations ribbon, an Air Medal, a good conduct ribbon, and an American theatre of operations ribbon.

He says his most outstanding memory is connected with his first carrier landing when they had to set their ship down without any lights. It was a nerve strain, but they became accustomed to it.

Herbert Nickel

Herbert Nickel, Meter Reading, was a member of the Army Air Force during the three years and four months he was in the service. At the time of his release he was a corporal in a ground crew which had traveled to Dutch Harbor, Adak, Attu, Anchorage, Nome, Juneau, and Fairbanks. Herbert wore an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon, an American theatre of operations ribbon and a good conduct ribbon.

While they were stationed at Attu, the Japs sent barrage balloons out over the territory, and he says it was a sight to see one of the P38's in his squadron go right out and shoot them down.

Kenny Love

The General Accounting Department recently welcomed *Kenny Love,* who returned to the Company after doing a stint of three and a half years in the Navy. Ken was formerly with the Auditing Department.

When Ken entered service he was a specialist "I", second class, and at the time of his discharge he was chief specialist "I", supervising I.B.M. installations.

Ken received an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon, an American theatre of defense ribbon, a good conduct ribbon, and a letter of commendation for a job they did at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, campiling a Navy catalogue.

The year Ken spent at Pearl Harbor was the most interesting part of his Navy career. He says the fact that he was a "dry land sailor" amuses him greatly, since he did not board a ship until the trip he made on a merchant ship coming back. The ship took them to Panama and from there they flew to the States.

GAS around the World

BY WILLIAM HELME

MAGIC TROLLER—This is not a story of large industrial gas use but of two young fellows with an idea. An idea that was born in the South Pacific and became a thriving little business known as George & Hemingway on Chicago's North Side.

It is a dream come true. As a Seabee during the war, George often dreamed about fishing back home. He watched the Navy use a paravane, a torpedo-shaped water plane with projecting fins, to clear the ocean of enemy mines. It reminded him of trolling for fish. And when he thought of fishing, he always remembered the big ones that got away. If something like a paravane could only be built to troll for fish!

The hostilities over and once more a civilian, George ran into his pal Hemingway. They opened a small machine shop. As a sideline they built trollers that look like paravanes. Made of wood and metal, cleverly put together, the troller obtains its magic action from a slide rod screwed to the side (see photo in adjoining column).

When used from a boat in motion, the troller will travel at an angle of about 45 degrees from either side. Stop the forward motion of the boat momentarily and the troller will automatically change its course. It will go into those hard-to-reach places such as lily pads without the boat movement scaring away the fish. You can really get those BIG ONES and keep your boat in open water. A special metal release is obtainable, so that the troller may be detached when a big fish is on the line.

The magic of the South Pacific has come to Chicago and George & Hemingway who started making trollers as a sideline expected soon to be producing 1000 a week. They come in various hues and sizes, reasonably priced, and are available at your favorite sporting goods store.

Did I say that gas is being used for heat treating the dies and tool hardening or did the magic of the South Pacific get me too?

Gas Club Sets Dates for Summer and Fall Events

AN EVENT-A-MONTH" for the balance of 1946 is the slogan adopted by the Peoples Gas Club, following a meeting of the Club Executive Committee, where plans were laid for several recreational activities for gas men and women. President Dan Collins has several groups working on arrangements, and the dates for most of the proposed affairs have already been set.

Employes will have their first nautical party in several years on August 16, when the Club will stage a moonlight cruise on Lake Michigan. There will be dancing, refreshments, and other features which cannot, as yet, be announced. Watch Company bulletin boards for complete details.

September 7 has been set aside for the Annual Fall Golf Tournament, at Glen Eagles. Elmer Christell and his committee are planning a series of attractions that will match in popularity those which drew a big crowd to the Spring golf competition.

Another September party will be held "just for the boys," on the 26th, in the Mural Room of the Morrison Hotel. On that evening the fellows can expect a top bill of vaudeville, cards, and plenty of food.

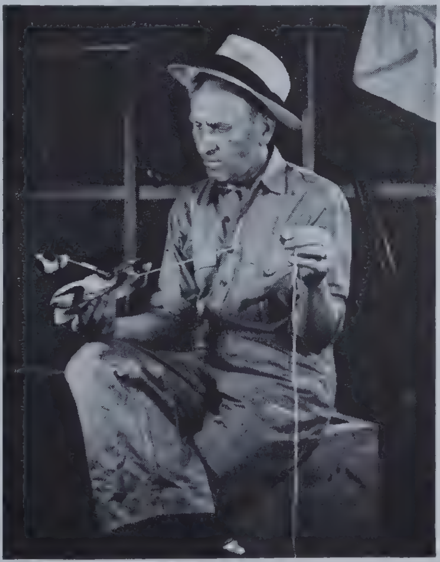
Another party at the Morrison Hotel's popular Terrace Casino will be staged on October 26, at which time there will be entertainment, dancing, and refreshments. The entertainment committee is already on the job attempting to outdo their previous excellent record at that location.

On November 27, Thanksgiving Eve, a dance will be held for the Gas Family at the Mural Room of the Morrison Hotel. This event, strictly a dancing party, will give the pure bred terpsichorians more space for their gyrations than is possible in the Terrace Casino. The Mural Room can accommodate a huge crowd. A top notch orchestra is being engaged for this affair.

A new date and place has been found for the Club's Christmas party this year. Tentatively, it will be held on December 21, the Saturday before Christmas, at the Civic Opera House, which is an ideal spot for the scintillating pageant which the Club expects to stage there.

No Picnic This Year

Unfortunately, there will be no general Gas Club Picnic this year, due to the lack of desirable facilities for a crowd as large as ours at places that are at present available. The District Shops, however, are all planning their own picnics this year, at locations in or adjacent to their own territories. The NEWS will present pictures from these events as they occur.



Elevator Starter Al Matha, avid fisherman, examines the new magic Troller which is explained in the adjoining column, and looks forward to his next fishing trip.

Gas Ads

EXCHANGE—Size 9 pair of nylon stockings for a size 10. Call Rose Lass, local 876, Irving Park Store.

FOR SALE—Baby bed—six year old size, and a high chair. Will sell bed for $10, Chair for $5. Call F. J. Strumski, Local 2205.

LOST—Oval-shaped yellow gold pendant with chipped diamond in center. Lost in or near the Gas Building. Valuable as a keepsake. Reward. Finder please call Norma Baumgartner local 560.

FOR SALE—Victory table model radio, six tube, AC, 2 band, Superheterodyne. Also 6 khaki shirts, 15½-34; and 3 khaki trousers, 36" waist, 40" length. Call Hyde Park 6607.

FOR SALE—Kimball Baby Grand Piano, Brown Mahogany. Call local 2209.

Departmental News Notes

Budget

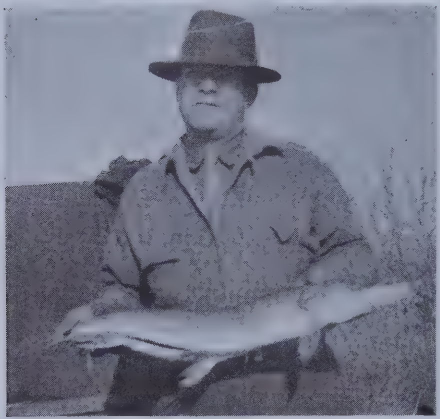
BY W. E. SAUER

Congratulations and best wishes for continued success are extended to Leslie Brandt, William Hollweg, and Charles Jensen on their recent promotions. . . . As we go to press, John Carson is once again embattled with mosquitoes, spiders, etc., as he continues his relentless pursuit of those "finny" creatures rumored to infest the Canadian lakes. . . . No more shall the quiet little village of Riverside be startled from its slumbering ways by the cry of "Timberrrrr" as Frank Pehlke hews away at the trees on his lawn. Says Frank, after recovering from the effect of his labors: "It's a wise man who knows his own age!"

Central District

BY (WOODY) WODNIAKOWSKI

The fish stories are beginning to trickle in. We have a picture of John Kenny with an 11-pound pike caught at Allegan Dam, and the picture of Dan Francisco and Edward Olker, who had great success at Malochleb's Resort, near Johnsburg. They caught about 100 fish of different species. For any future fishing problems, see Ed or Dan for expert advice. . . . The month of June is also the traditional marriage month. Thomas Size made the leap into the sea of matrimony on June 12. William Grennan proudly announced the marriage of his daughter Patricia Mary, on June 8. . . . We regret to announce the deaths of Wyatt Coon's father, Arthur Gervais's father, Edward Olker's brother, and Charles Thome's brother. Our sincere sympathies in their bereavement. . . . A certain C. F. of the office force has repeatedly bemoaned the fact that this country has "gone to the dogs", and that Europe was the land of opportunity. However, lately there were no moans and our investigation disclosed that on one of his jaunts for some fresh air, he consumed a double portion of banana split, topped with a double dip cone. Before reaching the office he made a stop for refreshments. He now claims America is a wonderful country. He must have received some disquieting reports from Europe. . . . John Angelo has been released from the service to augment the ranks of Central District. We are mighty happy to have you back with us, John. Anthony Furgevella and Peter Joyce were released from duty at Central District, via the pension route. We wish them many happy restful days.



John Kenny proudly displays his 11 pound pike

Dan Francisco and Edward Olker have "proof positive"

Meter Shop

BY G. D. BURNS

James Dineen who spent his days, before he honored the Marine Corps with his presence, in the Distribution Office has been transferred to the Meter Shop. Jimmy, we're glad to have you with us. The following new men have been added to the Meter Shop Group: Kenneth Bates, Andrew Sebescak, Edward Tadrowski, Paul DeChene, Leonard Staat, and Victor Zekis. We feel sure that you fellows are going to like it here. . . . Agnes Comiskey, who came to work in the Meter Shop during the days of World War I, retired June 1. All the gang wish her the best of luck and a long and happy vacation. Agnes is going to be missed around the shop. . . . Mike Marinello who has been in the Meter Shop for 30 years was congratulated by the boys on his anniversary, May 30. . . . Ray Pawlowski is now a happy guy; he got a new range last week. So is Frank Bessler. . . . Our sympathy to William Rosinia on the death of his father-in-law.

Messenger

BY HARRY FOX

We welcome two new boys into the Messenger Division. They are Joe McAuliffe and Charles Tepper. Glad to have you with us, fellows. . . . Betty Ott was promoted to the Customer Accounting Deparment and Dick Fallbacher now assists Urban Stucker. Good luck to both of you. . . . June was an eventful month for Urban Stucker this year. He celebrated 28 years with the Company on June 6 and his daughter-in-law and son, both former Company employes, made him a "grandpop" again on June 8. The new grandson "weighed in" at 8 pounds.

Engineering

BY THOMAS B. PETTY

John Schuldt was on his vacation the last two weeks of June. We certainly envied him during that hot weather; swimming, playing golf and managing to keep cool. . . . Paul "Revere" Henehan is going to be able to ride his horse daily for several weeks, he's next on the vacation program. It is rumored that he is training for the rodeo and hopes to pick up some of that prize money. . . . Ed Anderson plans to take it easy on his vacation; "Too much traveling the last few years," says Ed. . . . The welcome mat was dusted off for Will Ball, formerly from the Testing Department, and Joseph Balke. The latter replaced Frank Hartnett as clerk-steno. . . . Will Mellett recently returned from New York, where he attended the A.G.A. Production and Chemical Convention.

Meter Reading

BY ANNA MAE KARLAK

THE OLD SAYING "it's a small world after all" was proven by Frederick Donnelly, who on his vacation in Washington came across Patrick Kinsley, former meter reader, now in the Navy. From all reports a wonderful time was had by all. Best regards to all from Pat. . . . Just to prove a little news goes a long way letters have been received from several of our meter readers in service. Edwin Foley, who recently joined the Army and who is now stationed in Kentucky really appreciates the heat waves of the deep South. Lt. George Iwicki is still sweating it out on Okinawa. He's beginning to doubt that there is a U.S.A. after all these months in the Pacific. Pvt. Dick Heldt now stationed in California had a slight accident so he claims. He just drove a jeep over a 35 ft. cliff and came out with only minor injuries. Just goes to prove you can't keep a good Meter Reader down. . . . Deepest sympathy is extended by the entire department to George Pierce on the passing of his mother.

Customers Order

BY ROBERT POTTHOFF

THE NEW MEMBERS of Peoples Gas Post #336, veterans of World War II are: James Carr, Frank Izzo, Michael Farrell, August Goldschmidt, Wesley Taeterow, Walter Wallace, and Ralph Zahringer. With such men as these, we are sure the Post will have some very spirited affairs in the near future. . . . On May 26 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ludwig were on the air on the "Mister and Missus" WGN program. They won first prize of two expensive electric cleaners. . . . John Moore is back on rubber. He is the proud owner of a 1939 Dodge, thanks to dear old Uncle George. John, a suburbanite, states life was tough without a car the past four years. "You see, I do all the shopping,'" explains John, "and my legs were run off with the shortages these days." . . . James Broderick is back from his vacation tan and eager to dig in. . . . Ralph Zahringer and wife, Veronica, are vacationing at Loon Lake, Illinois, near Antioch. They had a party up there on Saturday night, June 15, celebrating Ralph's birthday. On their first fishing expedition they had no luck, but I'm informed that Ralph caught a mud turtle. Don't laugh, it might have been worse. . . . Anthony May is spending his vacation cleaning house. . . . Carl Melin, reached on the phone, stated, "I am not participating in any activities anywhere; I'm spending all my time completing my book." . . . Doris "wrong lunch" Brown has Mary Douglas really worried. They share the same locker but not the same lunch. Seems funny that Doris didn't notice that she had Mary's lunch until after she had eaten the chicken sandwiches and had about finished the lemon cream pie. Ha, ha. . . . Frank Vita is looking for candidates for his soft ball team to play on Friday nights. . . . Maurice Edgeworth gave up bowling and is now a vocalist. He is not satisfied being the leading tenor in his church choir, so he will compete in the Chicago Tribune Festival at Soldier Field in July. . . . Thomas Moone completed 25 years service with the Company last month. To watch him do an occasional jig you know he will complete 25 years more.

Lois Klebenow

Mary Douglas

Employe Relations

BY MARIAN BRYANT

ANN AND RUTH CRYSTAL are rejoicing over their new brother, Jules. Dr. Crystal, armed with two pounds of Mrs. Snyder's, proudly announced the good news. . . . Best of luck to John Southgate in his new position with another company. For his farewell gift, some of his pals presented him with a solid gold watch—from the great Woolworth stock! Well, anyhow, solid! . . . Chicagoland was Joe Hoberg's choice for his one week vacation in June. . . . Marcella Coleman was really "up in the clouds" over her recent two weeks of leisure. She flew to New York for a big time in the big town with some of her friends. . . . Bob and Alice McLaughlin (formerly Alice Lake) brought the future football star in for official O.K. Four-month-old Robert is a husky blue-eyed youngster, already sporting two teeth.

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OMACHT

ON A BRIGHT MAY morning way back when the Collection Department started at 7:30 A. M., someone had a new camera, which he tried out, and this picture is the result. Walter Pschioda—at the extreme left—was too busy to pose, but the others are Charlie Madison, now at Pershing Road; Jim Sullivan, Supervisor of the Credit Section; R. R. Burr, now deceased, and George Lehman, retired. . . . Our list of Grandfathers continues to grow; we now add the names of Ferris Hurst and Frank Snyder—a grandson for both. . . . The CUSTOMERS' SERVICE DIVISION OUTING is again the "MUST" of the month. Once again that gala affair, which has been held in the past, is going to be a reality—same kind of party at the same place—White Pines on Saturday, August 17. Reserve this date now! . . . The summer bowling league is again in session, and Professor Frank Snyder continues to take it on the chin. . . . What happens to a man who forgets a wedding anniversary? Oh! Boy! What happens to him just couldn't happen. Well, one of our boys forgot the 37th one, but we will not disclose his name. . . . So, I leave you with this thought: Bachelor—An unmarried man who likes to spend his evenings quietly—at home.

Charles Madison, Jim Sullivan, R. R. Burr, deceased, and George Lehman, retired, in the good "old" days

Crawford

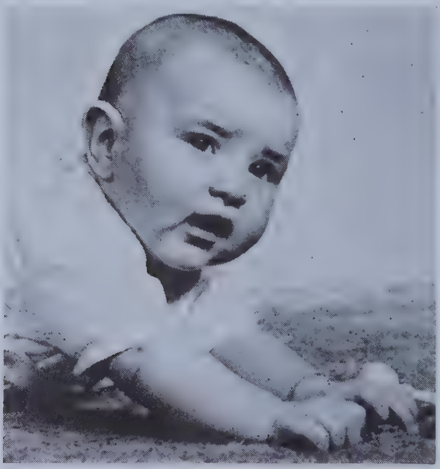
BY JAMES HEGARTY

CRAWFORD WELCOMES to its midst two new youngsters. Stanley Standlee and Howard Johnson, both recently of Uncle Sam's service, are with us in the capacity of junior engineers. Welcome, boys, and good luck. . . . Elliott Carson of the Ovens departed for a well deserved rest on July 1. Mr. Carson retired on that date after twenty-four years of good and faithful service. Charles Locke, superintendent Coke Plant, presented Elliot with a gift from his fellow workers, along with our best wishes for a long and happy retirement. . . . Congratulations to Caper Estes, of the Coal Handling huskies, on the recent addition to his family. The proud daddy says both mommy and baby are home and doing fine. Illness has kept Ben Weaber, George Misicka, Angelo Campanole, and Calvin Williams away for some time.

General Accounting

BY LUCILE NOFTSKER

This winsome bit of mischief looking around the corner at you, is little Billy Walsh, aged 7 months, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Walsh. The photographer was only able to snap half of him and there's ever so much more to him than this. However, there's still enough to show you that wee Billy is just full of pep, ginger, the Old Nick and all the other necessary qualities that go into the making of a real boy. . . . We extend our sincere sympathy to John Cruickshank on the recent death of his mother, and to Edward O'Meara on the death of his brother. . . . The General Section welcomes Louise Costa to its midst and her ready smile as a report typist on our new electromatic. . . . Congratulations to Corinne Cleban who is making herself very much at home at her new job in Vouchers Payable. . . . The girls report that our Bea Lach looked very stunning as a bridesmaid at a recent wedding. . . .



Billy Walsh

Tom Doyle was recently foreman of the Grand Jury. (Wonder what the verdicts were?) . . . While the rest of us may be afraid of being blown up by atom bombs Edward O'Meara is fearful of having his scalp lifted by Indians. And he has good cause to worry. While he was standing at the corner of Adams and Michigan one day along with some other Gas Company employes, a native son of the Sioux tribe approached and began to admire Eddie's scalp. Seemed to think, it would be a fine specimen to take home to Rapid City. It was only with great difficulty that the noble red skin was persuaded to give up his artistic impulses. Eddie, of course, is proud of the honor of being thus singled out, but all the same he's worried. Suppose the copper connoisseur comes back with reinforcements? So if you see any redskins with scalping knives around the place warn Eddie at once. . . .

Our vacationists have been having a good time—Madalyn and Johnny Drysdale spent a week of their vacation at Tabor Farm, and are now sporting a beautiful coat of tan. Margie Marlowe spent a week at Sunset Lodge in Bartlett, Illinois, swimming, hiking, boating, and "soaking up sun". Kay Summerville, Florence Lees, Marge Schlumpf and Mary Talley spent a happy week end at Tabor Farm, 8 miles from Benton Harbor coming back with a bunch of the cutest peeled noses we've ever seen. They got sunburned playing golf. . . . Edward Kane isn't worried any more about being recalled to active duty with the Navy because of the settlement of the maritime strike. . . . Having successfully completed another year of night school, Emil Cardosi now has his evenings free and is available for dates. This item will be of considerable interest to all the girls. . . . Joseph Thurber and his wife have adopted a baby boy seven months old and have named him Richard. . . . In the last issue of the Gas News the name of Harold Rubly was unintentionally omitted in naming the veterans of World War II of our department who had joined Peoples Gas Post No. 336 of the American Legion. We are sorry for the omission and apologize to Mr. Rubly.

Methods & Routines

BY E. W. REGAN

A hearty welcome is hereby extended to our most recently returned service man, Bill Palmer. Bill was a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy. . . . We have just received a post card from a Senor Schultz, in Monterrey, Mexico. The handwriting looks suspiciously like that of our co-worker, Norm Schultz. We hope Norm brings us a batch of genuine, imported mananas, but please, Norm, no cucarachas! . . . Our department was well represented at the recent office equipment display presented by the National Office Management Association at the Stevens Hotel.

Statistical

BY ELMER J. MICHAELS

Representing our department on Poppy Day were Ceinwen Thomas and Margaret Behrens. Although we realize it was hard to miss that day of work, girls, it was for a wonderful cause and all of us know that with each poppy you sold it was a "forget-me-not" to some disabled veteran. . . . Adding to his recent list of acquired titles of Corporal to Mister, since his discharge from the Army. Edward Griffiths can now proudly boast of being called Uncle. On June 7, his sister, Patricia, gave birth to a seven pound baby girl.

South Sales

BY ELMER STAMM

Having to meet deadlines seems to run in your columnist's family. Even though meeting it once a month is not nearly so bad as having to meet it daily, as does his brother, Russell Stamm, originator of Invisible Scarlet O'Neil, popular comic strip in the Times newspaper. . . . On May 25, Domestic Sales held its Annual Golf Tournament at White Pines. Among the participants was Rita Greenfield, one of our recent acquisitions in the clerical department. With that Smile, Rita, you don't have to know too much about chasing the little pellet over the course. . . . We all join in congratulating Marilyn Miller on her promotion from Adams Street Office Home Service Staff to Home Service Supervisor, South Section. . . . We also welcome to the Clerical Staff Pat Berger. Our best wishes for success to all of our new members. . . . Lois Horlick McBride, Home Service Representative, and former Lt. (jg) in the U. S. Navy Communications, left us on May 20 to join her husband, Maj. William McBride, who is stationed in Augsburg, Germany. Bon voyage, Lois.

Rita Greenfield

Chicago District Pipeline

BY WAYNE POTTER

It's with good news that we start our scribbling this month. Doc Harmening reports that his youngest daughter who has been very seriously ill, has shown a marked improvement and is now on the mend. It's been a long hard pull for the little tot and we're most happy to hear she's coming along so well. . . . Strange as it seems there were very few cases of that common plague known as "summer holiday activity after results." After last Decoration Day few were the charlie horses, insect bites, aching and sunburned backs. . . . In the anglers department Tom Cline claims the record with a catch of 100 croppies. A few of the boys are an inch taller from craning to see the parade and as for the golfers; no report. Not even a good lie as to the score. . . .Another name on the list of Pipeline athletes is that of Les Marjai who according to the local sport scribes is breezing them past the batters in a local Semi-Pro League. Keep it up, Les, we're watching you.

Chicago By-Products

BY MARGARET VAN NEST

Our retired member, Herman Shaffer, has evidently hit his golf stride judging from recent reports. His accomplishments this season—winning the blind bogey at Westward Ho Country Club in May, Class C Championship on Decoration Day, and grand prize on Bang-Up Day for a low net score of 68 (handicap 22). The prize was a beautiful leather double traveling bag. In addition, the foursome of which he and John Royle were members won leather billfolds for the low net score for the day. Congratulations, Shaf! . . . That's our Lorraine Hallman and Ruth Zalud in the top row, left, of the Poppy Day girls' photograph. They did their stint in the loop while the rest of us took turns contacting Crawford Station employes and visitors as they came through our gates. . . . Ed Cody has been busy on the Golf Committee and worked up considerable enthusiasm around here for the June 22 outing. . . . Vacations are just starting in our department so the fish stories will come later.

Archives

BY R. C. FITZSIMMONS

Hugh Cornyn, the Gas Company's number 1 Selective Service choice of Uncle Sam returned to work at the Archives on June 12. Hughie went in the army on January 3, 1941, as a private and returned a 1st Lieutenant. His immediate reward was a two week vacation with his bride, in Watertown, New York. . . . Al. Slawnikowski is the extremely proud father of a baby boy. Baby Jim was born on June 10. Al reports mother and son are doing fine. . . . Sam Bartlett's daughter, Louise, has utilized her talent and opportunity to achieve the reward of a scholarship in art at college in Adrian, Michigan. Things like that are very gratifying to parents and Louise may well be proud of her selection. . . . William Raden is convalescing at Hines Hospital. We hope to see you around soon, Bill. . . . Our sincere sympathy is extended to John Smit on the recent passing of his father.

Purchasing

BY HELEN LAMEIKA

That lonely bewildered party at the Union Station wasn't just someone taking his Sunday morning exercise at crack of dawn, but was LD Keeslar waiting for his daughter Rosemary to arrive from Texas. Rosemary wired that she was coming in on a certain train at a definite time but failed to give a date. Well, Mr. Keeslar waited one morning and then another morning but no luck. He came to the office Monday morning and received word that his daughter had arrived. The next time Rosemary will at least wire the month in which she plans to travel and thus give Mr. Keeslar a better idea of the time limit so he can prepare his wardrobe accordingly. . . . These early morning conversations of our office force about the results and possibilities of baseball are barometers of the season indicating spring, even if only verbally. . . . Regardless of the weather, spring will always find Clarence Patterson working out in his vegetable garden.

Stores—Warehouse

BY MARIE LEHMANN

We wish to welcome Richard Rea and Robert Seidell to the Stores Department. You will have the pleasure of meeting these boys in the Stationery Section. . . . Dick Sover is recovering nicely from his recent operation. . . . We are proud to report that the Stores Department had no "lost time accidents" for the year 1945 and was presented with a check for $50.00 by Ernest Beaumont, Supervisor of Safety, as an award. . . . Lester Michelsen is vacationing in Colorado Springs, and we hope he will be successful with his rod and reel. . . . We are sorry to lose John Teister, who resigned from the company, but we wish him much success in his new field. . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Rocco LaRocco on the death of his father.

Auditing

BY ESTHER STREBEL

The Auditing Department annuitants may be gone, but they won't let themselves be forgotten. Recently Harry Hoffman, together with six dozen mammoth peonies, paid us a visit. (One dozen for each girl.) Thanks, Harry! . . . The accompanying snap is our Al Drigot, who has been transferred to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He guesses that summer's end will see him a civilian again. Al says he'll be glad to reach that status even though there are no cars, coal, and nylons. Wonder what he'd do with nylons? . . . Mike Vydarney left us for a few days to attend the Reserve Officers Association of the U.S. convention at the Congress Hotel. Did you shake hands with Ike? Mike is just the guy with the luck to get to do that. Incidentally, he's been having more than a little luck with baseball lately, too. . . . Vacationers to date have been:

Al Drigot

Chris Madiol—Virginia & Carolinas to see his daughter (Almost got stranded by the R.R. strike).

Harold Murphy—1 week, to take care of his garden, etc.

Harold Winzer—Ditto.

John Thorne—Wisconsin, fishing—big ones?

Thomas Kirby—flew down to Dallas where he did some more flying

Bob Pavelchik—Chicago (must have been playing with fire because he really got burned.)

North Sales

BY PAUL LANDGREN

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer, who were married May 25 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Mrs. Meyer was Eloise Willis of Pontiac, Illinois. . . . And congratulations are in order for Dick and Ethel Borscha, who became the parents of 8 pound $15\frac{1}{2}$ ounce Louise Anne, June 15 at Ravenswood Hospital. . . . Bob Martin is our first vacationer. . . . Next generation department: Phil Rearick's son, Charles Bruce, had his tonsils removed and, though a trip back to the hospital was necessary after he was home for a day, he is fully recovered now. Jack Wilke's daughter, Donna, won a Girls' Athletic Association letter at Foreman High School, where she is a Junior. Patsy Griffin finished her first year at Morton High School with grades high enough to satisfy even her father, Ralph.

South District

BY JOSEPH SPAIN

"Go west young man, go west" was the advice formerly given to those young in years. Two of our pensioners, Thomas Noonan and Al Young, have revised the intent of this phrase and are proving that a man is only as old as he feels. Al was in to say good-bye before leaving to take up residence in Tucson, Arizona. Tom has left for a somewhat extended vacation in California.—Good luck to both of them. . . . Martin McGinnis and Fred Conrad have returned from service in the Pacific area and are back at work. Welcome home. . . . At the time of this writing the gardeners are a rather gloomy lot because the weather has been against them. Well, cheer up, lads, things can't always be this way. . . . It isn't general conversation but rumor has it that there is some professional jealousy between Dave Roach and Geo McMahon. Both claim to be the rhubarb king of the shop, yet accuse each other of stealing secrets. —Oh, well, Rome wasn't built in a day, time will tell.

Research and Testing

BY G. M. DOWSE

WE ARE ALL GLAD to see Tony Dorner back on the job after a battle with flu bugs. . . . July vacations: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fredrick are enjoying a "second honeymoon" at Niagara Falls. Bud Hanko bought four brand new tires for his Plymouth, and took his family for a motor trip to Detroit, Michigan, and Columbus, Ohio. Pat Egan became a Chicago booster this year. He played several rounds of golf at some of Chicago's exclusive Golf Clubs, and also enjoyed quite a few ball games at beautiful Wrigley Field. George Keenan is on the trail for a new manager for the White Sox. That is all taken care of, George, Al Wohlgemuth plans to have Joe McCarthy all signed up for 1947 any day now. Russ Willson spent part of his vacation playing the part of a good Samaritan. He helped his brother-in-law move into his new house. . . . Our profound sympathy to George Dufresne for the loss of his father. . . . We have a new addition to our Research and Testing family. George Dufresne passed the cigars around the other day in celebration of the birth of a bouncing baby boy. Needless to say, George is one proud papa. Congratulations, kid. . . . Not to be outdone by any of his fellow employes, Edward F. Kionka passed the cigars around in celebrating the birth of little Edward, Jr. That makes two new heirs in our Plant Testing Section in one week. Who said that the birth rate of the country is decreasing.

Photographic

BY H. S. YOUNG

THE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSES its very best to the Bob Hulls in their marriage venture together. Here's a snap of the newlyweds. The bride is the former Anita De Biasio of the Property Accounting Department. . . . A home accident resulted in a severed tendon in Elmer Beckwith's right wrist. Following skillful surgery, the wound is now healing in good order. . . . Fred Kann will take his rod and reel to Waterford, Wisconsin, for a vacation of angling this month. Bruno Marek will spend his two weeks in Chicago—specifically at the beaches and Comiskey Park. Al "Esquire" Walavich has substantiated his vast wardrobe with a new suit, two shirts, and new swimming trunks. The latter, a brilliant canary yellow, are a Kodachrome's delight.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hull

Customers

BY PAUL M. STROM

DICK CAHILL took time out one afternoon to show the younger generation the finer points of indoor baseball. His son pitched one right over the plate and of course Dick took a mighty swing at the ball. You guessed it the ball went sailing right through one of his neighbor's window—Nice hitting, Dick. . . . The proudest fellow in the Customers Department on Monday following Father's Day was Harry Shanks. He received a telegram from his son, Harry, Jr, who is a Navy flyer, which read, "Best wishes to the finest Pop who ever swung a razor strap." . . . Tom (Slugger) Condon spent a week's vacation in Manitowisch, Wisconsin, fishing. Tell us about those big ones that got away, Tom. Warren Neiman used his vacation getting his garden in shape and Barney Conlon just laid around in the sand at the Dunes, lopping up the good old sunshine. Nick Stewart spent his time seeing Chicago. . . . The new fellow with us is Ed Zoltowski. He was in the Collection Department prior to spending 40 months in Uncle Sam's Army. Welcome, Ed. . . . Jim Lomasney is on the mend after his knee operation and Fred Doornbos is back after his recent illness.

Typing and Duplicating

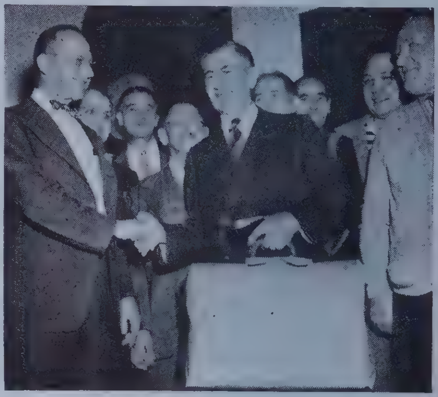
BY AVIS SUMMERS

ADELE SKUD IS PLANNING her wedding August 10. Pat Marcotte is also taking a big step in August. She is planning to have movies at her wedding. Everyone in the office is looking around for film. Congratulations, girls. . . . Speaking of weddings—Marion Scheffel stood up for her brother at his wedding on July 8. We are sorry to lose Marion who was transferred to Office Service but feel she will be a success in her new position. . . . Lillian Cahill was in to see all the girls with her three-months-old son. Lillian is going to Florida to live. . . . We welcome Eileen Murphy and Shirley Polcer to the Typing Section. . . . Esther Frederick took one week of her vacation to work in her garden. The week wasn't long enough for her. Louis Zenaty's buttons are popping off his shirt because he had his picture taken three times for the last issue of Gas News. . . . Where does Genevieve Danaher keep her werehouse with all the nylons, sheets, and butter? Let us in on the little secret. Our sympathy is extended to Rosa Rotunno on the loss of her father.

Peoples Gas Building

BY MARGE BROWN

OUR BEST WISHES are extended to Ewald Heinrich, Building maintenance man, who was retired on May 31 after 26 years of service. . . . Good bye and good luck to Frances Creager of the Office Service Section, who left us on June 28, and welcome to Marion Scheffel who is taking her place. . . . We also welcome to the department August Kulm, painter; Leroy Lathrop, Sam Burgo, and Herman Masemann, elevator operators; and John Kreutzberger, janitor. . . . Arden Skinner, office appliance mechanic, recently made a trip to Burlington, Iowa, to see his youngest daughter graduate from College. . . . The beautiful W. A. C. seen with Pete Frieling the latter part of June was his daughter, Betty, home on furlough. . . . Elmer Frank helped his mother celebrate her 80th birthday on June 16. . . . Condolences to John Youngman, painter, who is recovering from an operation. We all hope to see you soon, John.



Ewald Heinrich receives retirement gift from Wesley Richmond

Treasury-Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

NO WEDDINGS THIS MONTH but here's one scheduled for August. Ed Sandstrom and Margaret Zimmermann have chosen August 10 as their big day. How's that for a scoop? . . . Irene Cink is back from a two-week, too-short, visit to fiance Robert Brunclik's home in Irwin, Pennsylvania. . . . Our 'boss' Fred Written, is currently on the sick list, and we all want to send a verbal "bouquet" to wish him a speedy recovery. . . . Helen Trella hied herself off to the old home town, Johnston City, Illinois, for the usual two weeks. . . . Bob Stevens and wife, Marjorie, took off for Green Lake, Wisconsin, for a bit of fishing and loafing with the accent on the last syllable. . . . No one seems to know where Al Haag went for his vacation, so we'll take a wild guess and say he stayed home. . . . Jean Krueger has joined our happy little group for the summer. Swell to see you again, Jean.

Customer Accounting

BY JESS OLSON

BOOKKEEPING

HAPPY DAYS are here again, now that our vacationers can again enjoy their vacations as they like them. . . . It is news or did you know, that Jim Smart caught 150 lbs. of fish during his vacation that was spent in Ely, Minnesota. . . . Frank Zeman will no doubt have some "fish" stories to tell, too, upon his return from his summer cottage on Lake Butte Des Morts, near Oshkosh, Wisconsin. . . .The men aren't alone in their lure for the great northwoods, as Ann Seemuth spent her vacation there also, and reports, she had a wonderful time. . . . Elise Mercer chose a boat ride on the Mississippi River, and says it was a lot of fun and very restful. . . . Kay Walsh and Helen McCullough motored to Canada and from there to New York. The girls had an unforgettable experience when they got a flat tire while driving through a tunnel between Canada and the United States. However, a tow-truck was right on the job to pull their car out and repair the tire, and in a short time the travelers were again on their merry way. . . . Caroline Schlecht drove to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the first week of her vacation. Her second week was spent in beautiful Holland, Michigan. . . . Mildred Bourke visited her old home town, Marengo, Illinois and she also enjoyed a few days visiting her sister in Laporte, Indiana. . . . June 15 was a day of many changes in the Bookkeeping Section, when a number of unit clerks traded desks and others started on new job assignments. . . . Best of luck to William Mortenson, formerly of Division Three in his new position with the Sales Department at a North Branch Office. . . . Our Tommy Lollis has just recently purchased a home in Berwyn. What are you trying to do, Tommy, make the rest of us envious or did you just decide to reduce the number of Chicagoans trying to find places to live in Chicago . . . George Simpson celebrated his 38th anniversary with the company June 4 and was surprised with a cake complete with candle from J. G. Waddick. . . . Pictured here is Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faloona, nee Rita Conlon, newlyweds, and from their smiles they are as happy as all of us wish them to be. . . . Helen McGuire has received a lovely engagement ring, best wishes, Helen. . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bill Kaspar on the loss of his mother and to Raymond Dolan on the loss of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faloona

RECEIPTS

EVELYN MAHONEY spent her vacation doing nothing but loafing and more loafing. . . . Lola Campbell and Eleanor Mayer have something in common to talk about these days. Both have become Aunts recently. . . . We welcome to our office, Lois Beranek, Ingra Bidinger and Bernadette Paradis. . . . Pictured here are Kenneth and Lester Mogren and Fern Eicholz, sons and intended daughter-in-law of Frances Mogren.

Kenneth and Lester Mogren with Fern Eicholz

KEY PUNCH

RUTH KATH WON a recent newspaper contest and the prize was a Cocker Spaniel, but the landlord said no dogs allowed, so Ruth was forced to sell her prize. After all, apartments are priceless. . . . We welcome Diane Relic, Phyllis Mezydlo, Florence Damski, and Shirley Rusch. . . . Alice Prinderville is spending her vacation at Hudson Lake, Indiana.

TABULATING

LILLIAN MCKENNA'S vacation to Colorado did not keep her from needing the doctor's care when she returned. We wish her a speedy recovery. . . . Eleanor Haines hopes to go to Washington, D. C. . . . Jerry Coffey wasn't blushing, that was a good case of sunburn. . . . Milton Larson must have been leaning over the boat while fishing, just the back of his neck became sunburned. . . . Last we heard, Marie Bartlett was heading north into Canada. . . . Marian Halligan was content with some time spent in Rantoul, Illinois. . . . Condolences to Ernest Seinitz upon the loss of his mother and to John Smit on the loss of his father.

Jacob and Evelyn Ackerman

Domestic Sales

BY RITA NORRIS

HAVE WE STAYED AWAY TOO LONG? We think we have and so we're back into print once again. . . . Our big event of the year—the Sales Department Golf Tournament held at White Pines Country Club—came off a howling success in spite of the rainy weather. 'Midst the stocking shortage, 12 lucky girls won nylons as door prizes. Our hats are off to Bill Wise for his splendid work in supervising the whole affair and to those who worked with him to make it a success. . . . We welcome Dick Casper and Bill Savage into the department, both formerly with Customer Accounting. . . . Vacations have started and Marion List and "Barney" Wittmann head the list this year. . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Eleanor Testin on the loss of her mother and to Mike Coyne whose wife passed away recently.

Service Dispatching

BY GEORGE KAZUNAS

WHEN "JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME AGAIN", he does it quietly and without the accompanying fanfare of trumpets and cheers that saw our boys off to the wars. And thus, Citizens Larry O'Connor and James Moroney came back to our midst. Jim has been reassigned to North District, from whence he originally came, while Larry remains with us. In this manner has the moving hand of fate written a happy ending to a terrible episode. . . . ORANGE BLOSSOMS are the traditional flower which accompanies an engagement ring. A swell guy, just home from the wars, popped a question. It couldn't have happened to a nicer girl than Operating's Pearl Lindemann.

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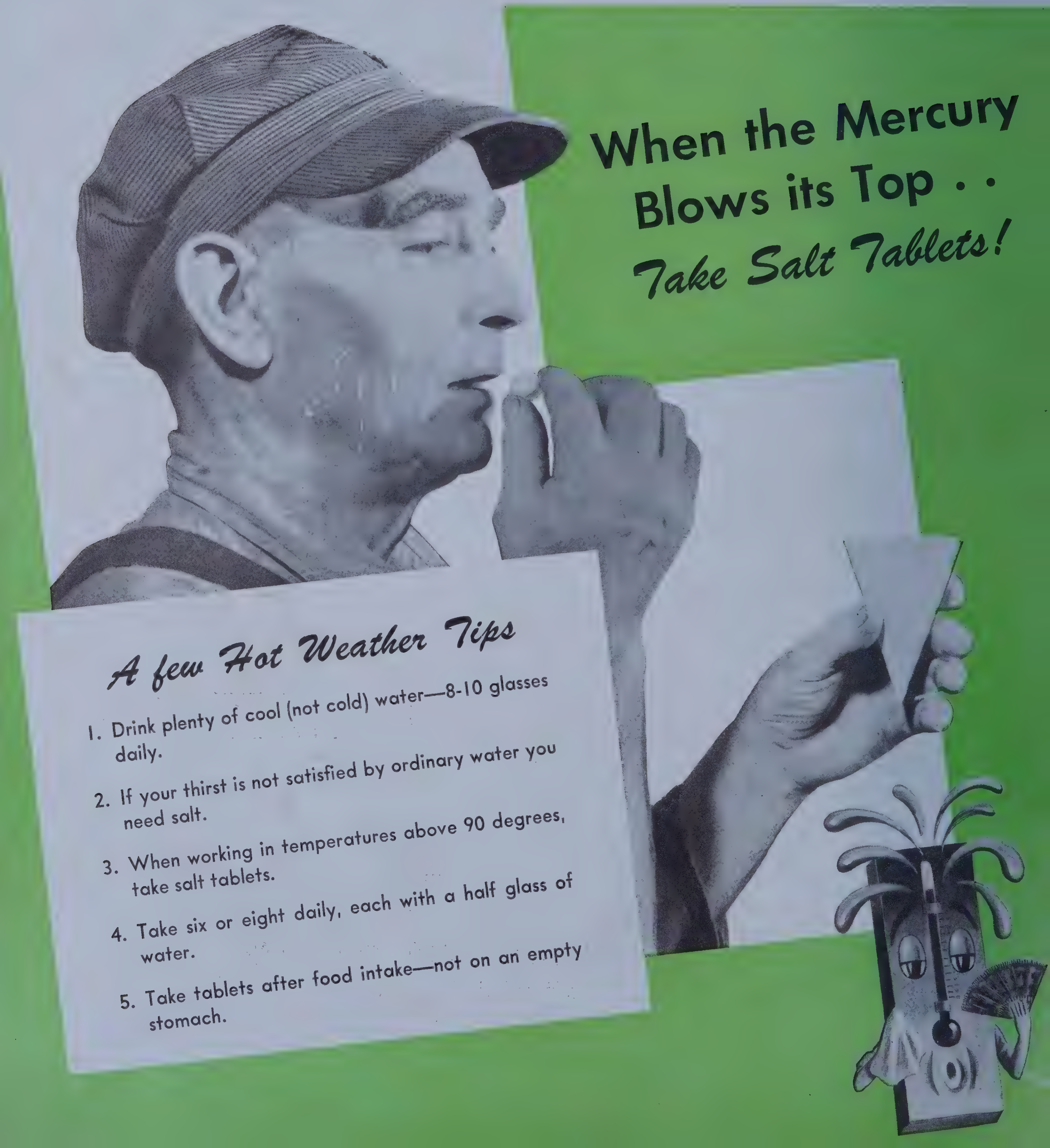

When the Mercury Blows its Top . .

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A few Hot Weather Tips

1. Drink plenty of cool (not cold) water—8-10 glasses daily.
2. If your thirst is not satisfied by ordinary water you need salt.
3. When working in temperatures above 90 degrees, take salt tablets.
4. Take six or eight daily, each with a half glass of water.
5. Take tablets after food intake—not on an empty stomach.

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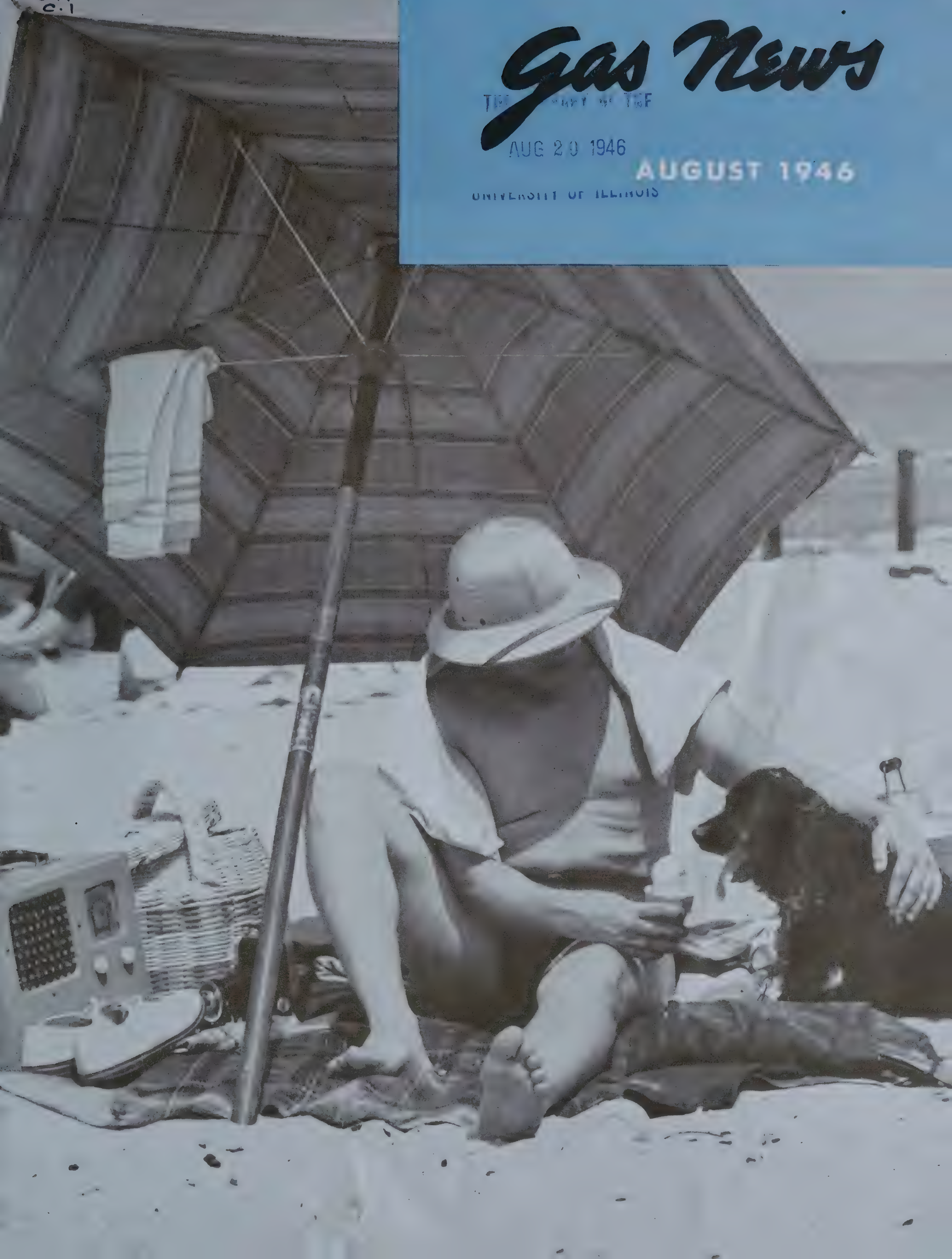

The Operators Say
HELLO!

Above, Mary McCune, supervisor, stands behind some of the telephone operators who answer the many calls which come directly into the Gas Building. Those shown are: (top to bottom) Ann Rehling, Catherine Walsh, Pearl Horton, Lee Paris, Dorothy Wade, and Lillian Stearny

Crawford Station's calls are answered by Ann Ryan, left, who presides at the switchboard.

At Pershing Road, Ann Norris, right, takes care of the switchboard so that each light is given prompt attention.

The young lady at the left, Maureen Hallihan, owns the voice heard by many who call the Larrabee Street branch office.

Right, Angeline Navigato seems to enjoy her duties as relief telephone operator at 63rd Street Branch Office.

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A COMPANY may spread itself over the whole world . . . it may employ thousands of men and women . . . yet the average person will form his judgment of the company through his contact with one individual. Hence if one person is rude or inefficient, it reflects upon the entire organization, and it will take a lot of courtesy and efficiency to overcome the bad impression.

Every member of an organization who in any capacity comes into contact with the public, is to a certain degree a salesman. The impression that he or she makes is an advertisement. And it is either good or bad, depending on the circumstances and the attitude.

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IT HAS BEEN a long time since the Peoples Gas Club has presented a crowded calendar of events such as that announced in this issue for the fall and winter season. Now that most of our "G.I.s" are back, the success of the proposed activities will undoubtedly be gauged by attendance. One way to make sure that your favorite events will be repeated next season is to give them your full support this year. That's all your Club officers need for encouragement.

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THE NEWS staff has received numerous inquiries from World War II veterans, their friends, and associates, concerning our coverage of pictures and the military background of "returnees" in our feature "Back on the Job." During the past 12 months the "Back on the Job" pages have covered more than half of the 899 men and women who have been released from the armed forces. Up to this time we have not covered very many from the shops, stations, and branch offices, due to the fact that a large number from those locations had not yet returned. In future issues, veterans from outlying districts will predominate until the whole list is completed.

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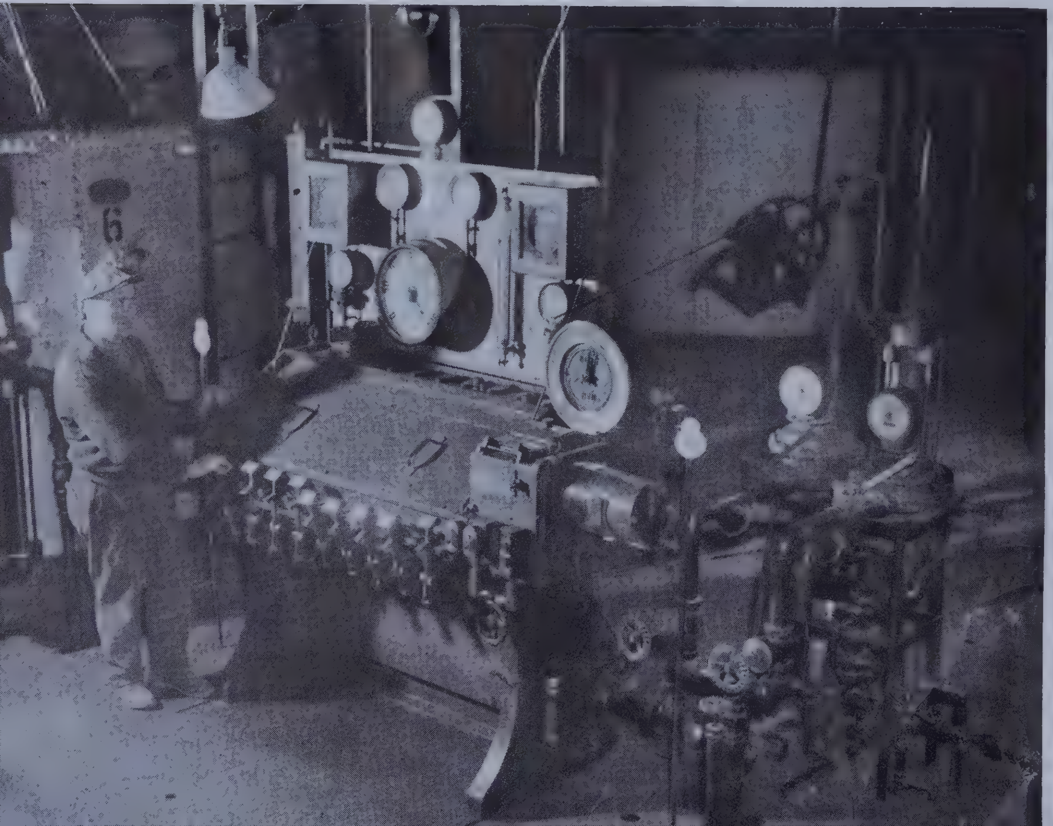
The Cover

OUR COVER picture this issue displays a scene which typifies the efforts of Chicagoans to keep cool during August, one of the hottest months of the year. The beachgoer in the picture, like many others do, takes some of his home comforts with him. He proves his sympathy for the fur-covered canine, which cannot shed its coat for the summer, by treating it to an ice cream cone. The pup apparently enjoys it immensely.

REFORMED NATURAL GAS

HOW IT IS MADE—AND WHY



For the past few years there has been considerable activity in the Operating Division installing new mains and auxiliary equipment for reforming natural gas in the production stations in the Company's system. Since that equipment has been in operation for the past year, an explanation of the process and the product should be of interest at this time.

Reformed natural gas is neither new

At left is the automatic control for the water gas machine, the heart of the system. This device automatically moves the valves on the machine by means of hydraulic pressure. It can also be set for manual operation.

Above Left, Williamson water gas machines at Division Street Station, as seen from the ground level.

Above Right, a series of water gas machines at Crawford Station, as shown from the charging floor.

to the gas industry nor to our Company. Records show that natural gas was reformed as early as 1878, and our own Company reformed natural gas at South and 22nd Street Station prior to 1900.

In regular operation, the daily production capacity of each water gas machine equipped for reforming is nearly doubled.

Economy Is a Factor

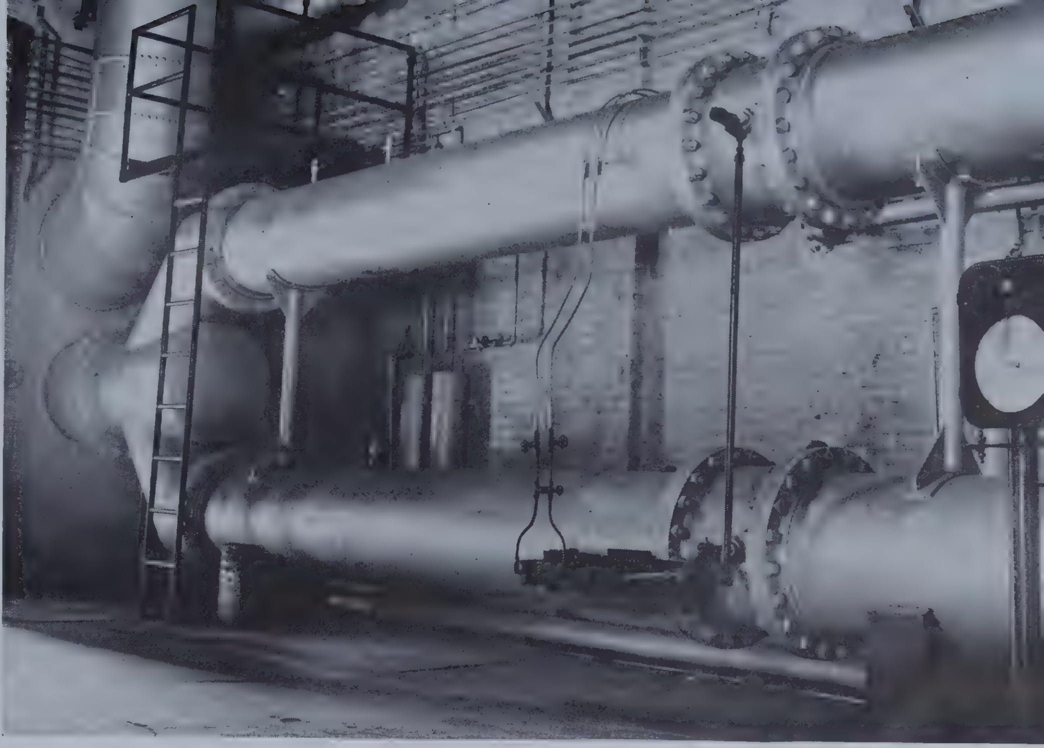
During the process of reforming, natural gas is heated by passing through a red hot bed of coke in the generator. As it passes through, some of the hydrocarbons (chemical elements of hydrogen and carbon) in the gas decompose to form larger volumes of hydrogen, and deposit some lamp black (mostly pure carbon) in the bed of coke. Steam is added, with the natural gas and it combines with the lamp black and the coke to form a blue gas or water gas combination. It takes about 540 cft. of natural gas and 10 pounds of coke to make 1000 cubic feet of the reformed gas, while the same amount of water gas would require 30 pounds of coke and three gallons of oil.

The chemical composition of the natural gas is changed by reforming so that the product somewhat resembles coke oven gas. The resultant gas, when mixed with straight natural gas, has about the same appliance performance as the regular sendout gas (about 45% coke oven and 55% natural). The reforming process is also economical in that less coke is required for it than for water gas. Moreover, the water gas machine capacity is increased.

Two Gases Combined

Actually three kinds of gas are generally used by this Company to form the basis of its supply for Chicago's domestic, industrial, and commercial customers. They are: natural gas, obtained by pipeline from Texas; Coke oven gas, both produced and purchased from industrial concerns in the area; and water gas, produced in the Company's production plants. Reformed natural gas is a combination of natural and water gas.

By equipping all production stations to reform natural gas, and to mix the manufactured gas with the natural gas, the potential sendout capacity of the production stations has been practically doubled.



The two large pipes in the above picture, which converge into a single main are a part of the gas mixing apparatus at Division Street Station. The top pipe contains the "base-gas" which can be either straight water gas or reformed natural gas. The black bar, connected with both pipes, operates the proportioning butterfly valves which control the mixture.

In the odd-oval at right, Doc Andrews, assistant superintendent of Division Street Station, is shown beside the unit which furnishes the hydraulic power to move the valves in the mixing unit above.

Below, a workman is shown at the automatic Calorimeter and Calorimixer at Division Street Station. These units continuously burn gas samples and determine the Btu content of the mixture. If the Btu (heating value) of the gas drops or rises, the Calorimeter causes the valves to change the flow of natural gas.

The picture at right shows the gas scrubbers at North Station. They remove light oil vapors from the manufactured gas which would otherwise condense in the underground mains.

The picture at left shows part of the baseball diamond and the crowd which gathered to watch the game at North District's Picnic. The catcher is Frank Wurster, and Frank Barth is pictured in a bee-line for first base after socking a line drive into the field.

In the center oval, John Williamson, superintendent, makes an announcement over the "P.A." system.

. . . at the *North District* Picnic

Schiller's Woods—June 30

A close call on the bat handle is shown above, with Sam Micelli, Frank Angelo, and Jack Doughty in the foreground.

Below is a winsome threesome, Mrs. Dan Collins, and the two Collins boys, James and Michael.

At picnic table, Frank Walsh and family, a guest, Mr. Becker, Charlie Ward and family, and Bob and Mrs. Geng.

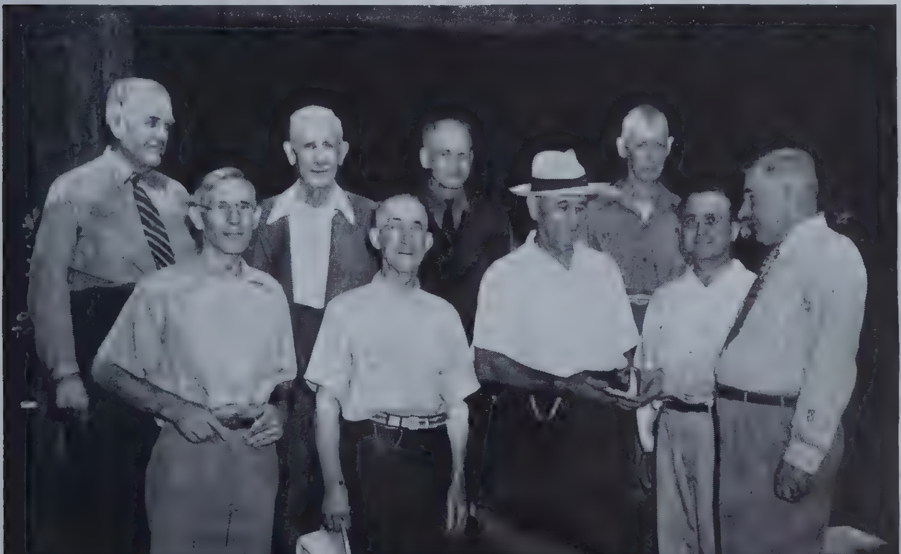
at the *Central District* Picnic

Eagle Woods—July 13

Leon Peikes, left, shows that it could be done. He rigged up a coffee urn at the picnic, fired by a charcoal-burning salamander, much to the delight of the picnickers.

In the photo above is a typical picnic table scene, with Edward Jones, his family and a few friends.

Above, William Bachlaben the Clown, took the youngsters in tow, keeping them in a gay mood all day long.



At the extreme right in the above picture, P. J. Bruck, District Superintendent is shown presenting a watch to Anthony Furgavello upon his retirement, as T. R. Bogumill, assistant superintendent, and other old timers look on. The front row includes, left to right, Raymond Paez, Matt Lau, Tony Furgavello, T. R. Bogumill, and P. J. Bruck. Second row: Jack Taylor, Jack Connors, Barney Berry, and Joe Lough.

Above, the picture records a close decision among the tossers of the equine sandals, who held forth at the picnic during the afternoon. The man in white shirt is John Wieck; his companion is unidentified.

Company Limits New Industrial and Space Heating Business

Amended terms and conditions in effect until April 30, 1947

On July 11, the Company was authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission to limit the amount of new industrial and space heating business it will connect to its gas mains between that date and April 30, 1947. The action was necessary in view of an estimated shortage of gas supply on the peak days of the approaching Winter.

For example, last Winter, the maximum send-out of mixed gas to the Company's customers, including the send-out to Public Service Company of Northern Illinois under the Interchange Gas Agreement, was approximately 254,000,000 cubic feet. During the coming Winter, it is estimated that the prospective peak day requirements will be upwards of 293,000,000 cubic feet, which exceeds the practical limit of available gas supply.

During the Spring of 1945, the Company anticipated the growing demands for its product, and took steps to obtain an increased supply of natural gas from the Texas gas fields. Accordingly, Chicago District Pipeline Company and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, which brings the natural gas from Texas to a point near Joliet, Illinois, from which the Chicago District Pipeline Company delivers it to the main distribution system of the Peoples Company and certain other utilities serving areas adjacent to Chicago, filed applications with the Federal Power Commission, in 1945, for authority to increase their natural gas delivery capacities. Following extended hearings on the subject, on May 10, 1945, the Federal Power Commission granted the authority sought by the Pipeline Companies.

The necessary equipment for the extension of the pipeline system was ordered promptly, but an accumulation of unfilled orders for steel pipe and other needed fabricated steel materials, makes it impossible for the suppliers to deliver the materials in time to complete the pipeline installations before the approaching Winter season.

Under the amended terms and conditions of service which will be effective from July 11 of this year to April 30, 1947, the Company will not be obligated to render service to—

A. any new industrial customer who can reasonably use a fuel other than gas or whose use of gas for processing purposes will exceed 4,000 therms per month.

B. any existing industrial customer, to the extent that his increased requirements, by reason of the installation of any new gas burning equipment, will exceed 4,000 therms per month.

C. any industrial, commercial, or residential customer for space heating purposes except (1) customers whose premises were heated with gas during the preceding Winter, (2) customers whose gas heating equipment is now installed or is in process of physical installation, and (3) residential customers whose use of gas for space heating will be in dwellings completed since January 1, 1946, or now under construction, provided that the customer submits satisfactory evidence of eligibility on the basis of his building specifications.

Under the amended terms and conditions, the Company may also curtail deliveries to large volume commercial or Industrial customers whenever, in its judgment, such curtailment shall be necessary for the maintenance of the gas supply to the Company's other customers, except that no such curtailment may be made in any case where the effect would be to impair the health, safety, or well-being of the community.

Authorization was also given to limit the deliveries of gas to Public Service Company of Northern Illinois under the Interchange Gas Agreement. On July 17, the Illinois Commerce Commission authorized the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois and the Western United Gas and Electric Company to curtail gas sales to their new industrial, commercial, and residential customers under a policy similar to the one adopted by Peoples Gas.

Upon the date that the amended conditions were placed into effect, the Company sent a letter to all gas heating equipment manufacturers, heating contractors, steamfitters, sheet metal contractors, jobbers, appliance dealers, builders and architects, notifying them that the restrictions were in effect, and explaining the reasons for the action.

All classes of customers were notified of the change in the terms and conditions by means of a leaflet which was enclosed with the gas bills. The leaflet contained substantially the same information as is disclosed in this article, and ended with the following paragraph:

"May we say here to the thousands of Chicagoans desirous of heating with gas: we regret exceedingly that we cannot take new orders for gas for space heating now, except as provided above. We are hopeful that these restrictions can be completely lifted by next Spring."

Announce Changes in Annuity System

A REVISION of the Company's Service Annuity System, affecting approximately 75 annuitants and about 1,400 employes who were hired between January 1, 1927 and September 1, 1938, was announced in a letter to all employes from Chairman G. A. Ranney.

The revision, instituted by action of the Board of Directors, was described in the letter as follows:

> "For employes who entered the service on or after January 1, 1927, and for employes who entered the employ of Chicago By-Product Coke Company at any time prior to September 1, 1938, and who were in the service on September 1, 1938, the credit for service prior to September 1, 1938, shall be determined by applying to the average annual compensation for the 5 years ending August 31, 1938, the rate of 1% and multiplying the resulting amount so obtained by the number of years of service prior to September 1, 1938."

has been amended by substituting "1½%" for 1%. This change fixes the minimum benefit for service prior to September 1, 1938 at 1½% and is a change of direct benefit to the approximately 1,400 employes who are affected thereby, including the employes of the Chicago District Pipeline Company.

The change will also be made applicable to approximately 75 annuitants now living whose credit for service prior to September 1, 1938 has been computed on the basis of 1% and whose pension payments beginning September 1, 1946, will reflect credit at the rate of 1½%.

Cahill Collects $50 Award for Suggestion

Richard Cahill, Customers, who has been cutting plenty of suggestion capers of late, with 19 out of 54 ideas adopted, hit a new high when he took a $50 award for recommending certain changes in the issuance of final gas bills. The idea he presented involves the discontinuance of issuing certain final bills in the Customer Accounting Department, when customers are under certain rate classifications.

Cahill also won an award in the $15 class, as did his co-worker, William Kelsey. Cahill's $15 idea concerned a change in the method of billing customers whose bills have been "AVERAGED" when the consumption is over 300 cubic feet. Kelsey's recommendation involved a change in the explanatory paragraph regarding averaged bills on the reverse side of the gas bill.

Five ten-dollar winners during the past month were: Alfred J. Schwartz, Customer Accounting; Thomas P. Gannon, Central District; Millard J. Keller, Stores Department, Louis A. Wolf, South District; and Philip W. Corrigan, of the Customers.

There were ten $5 winners in the award list recently released by the Suggestion office: They are: Harold Moroney, Central District; Thomas D. Walsh, Division Street; Frederic A. Gebauer, Credit and Collection; Roland Franzen, Service Dispatching; T. P. Gannon, Central District; John D. Tracey, Jr., Stores Department; Dorothy Kopera, Stores Department; Richard Cahill, Customers; and Francis J. Klawitter, Distribution.

Joseph J. McNerney and Aloysius Nona, Customers Accounting, worked together on an idea, submitted a joint suggestion, and earned a $10 final cash award.

File These Coupons!

Suggestions reviewed by suggestion committee at its meeting held on July 10, 1946. Please file coupons promptly.

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Richard Cahill, seated at left, is pictured with Supervisor Harry Smith, Customers Department, Superintendent Charles L. Sullivan, and Vice President in Charge of Customers Service P. E. Eddy. The latter three are shown discussing the idea described in the adjoining column with suggester Richard Cahill.

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

Colder Weather Ahead? As far back as 1933 experts on forecasting the future weather trends have been warning and calling to the attention of the gas and other fuel industries that a long period of colder weather was expected in this country.

Only a few days ago, the U. S. Weather Bureau reported that the world may be started on a half-century of progressively colder weather. The experts say that a reversal of the 50 year world-wide trend toward warmer weather began in this country about five years ago.

"This does not mean that it will freeze this summer or that next year's snow storms will be appreciably worse than last," the Bureau added. "It could happen that this summer would be the hottest ever and next winter unusually mild.

"But if the cycle continues downward for the next half century as it has continued upward in the past it may mean a return of the cold winters that existed when Grandpa was a boy."

There is historical proof that Grandpa was right because "the winters were colder and the snow deeper when he was young." Charts prepared recently "show unmistakably that, until the last few years at least, the temperature throughout the world has become steadily warmer" in spite of year-to-year fluctuations.

Mr. J. B. Kincer, who has since retired as chief of the Bureau's division of climate and crop weather, prepared these special charts. He reports that the U. S. has experienced "a downward dip of the temperature curve for the last few years."

Competition—An Aid to Progress. Remarks made by Hudson W. Reed, President, The Philadelphia Gas Works Co. . . . Until there is a new fuel of a chracter unknown today that has greater possibilities than that had by present competitive fuels, I believe the gas industry can only lose its present favorable position through complacency or sheer stupidity. I am glad to report that there are no signs of these characteristics in the industry today.

Golf at Gleneagles Is Top Choice Among Autumn Sports

GLENEAGLES, WITH its gently rolling fairways, and its emerald greens, beckons the golfers of the Peoples Gas Club to attend a tournament and party there on September 7. Located at 123rd St. near McCarthy Road and Bell Road (Lemont), the course is easily accessible from most sections of the city by automobile.

The program arranged by the hard working Golf Committee is similar in many respects to that of the spring tournament. In addition to the regular golf play there will be driving contests at one of the tees. This time the girls and men will use the same tee for the longest shots, and separate prizes will be awarded.

Separate competition will be staged for the finalists in the G. A. Ranney Cup competition. They will be the winners of the summer-long competition from the original 32 low gross scorers of the Spring tournament.

At the dinner banquet the winners of the regular low gross competition, the long drive contest, and the Ranney Trophy will be introduced. Dancing to the tunes of Joe McNerney's band will follow the short program.

Tickets for the golf party can be obtained through departmental representatives, or from Club Treasurer James Snyder, Main Floor of the main building. Dinner tickets only will cost $1.75, while golf will cost $1.25.

Stoesser Elected New Gas Post Commander At Recent Election

JOSEPH C. STOESSER, Property Accounting, was elected Commander of Peoples Gas Post No. 336, The American Legion, and will be installed at ceremonies to be held in October.

Other newly elected officers who will serve with Mr. Stoesser during the coming year are: Samuel Cohn, Research and Testing, Senior Vice-Commander; Edward J. Barrett, South District, Junior Vice-Commander; Albert J. Frendahl, Treasury, Treasurer; Jack Cornelius, Customers, Chaplain; and Leon Peikes, Central District, Sergeant-at-Arms.

TAKES A LITTLE EFFORT TO PUT'EM UP..BUT UMM..WILL THEY TASTE GOOD LATER!
PAYROLL SAVINGS
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XXX REGULAR SAVINGS SUGAR

Eight Old Timers Retire August 1

EIGHT EMPLOYES with a total Company service record of over 261 years were retired on August 1. They are:

ANGELO CAMPANALE, Crawford Station, with 17 years 6 months service
JOSEPH GHEDOTTI, South District, with 42 years 1 month service
FRANK W. KREMPEL, Customer Accounting, with 39 years 1 month service
MATTHEW F. RILEY, Claim, with 45 years 2 months service
LEWEY RUFFOLO, Crawford Station, with 24 years 6 months service
WILLIAM A. SCHUELER, Customers, with 42 years 7 months service
MARY SMOLUCK, Peoples Gas Building, with 29 years 10 months service
VINCENT SZALKOSKI, Meter Shop, with 20 years 6 months service

Five Retire During July

AS OF JULY 1, five employes whose service records total over 164 years were retired from the Company. They are:

JOHN BOGUSTAWSKI, South Station, 35 years
ELLIOT CARSON, Crawford Station, 23 years, 11 months
PETER JOYCE, Central District, 38 years, 3 months
KARL P. PFUNDT, Meter Shop, 23 years, 11 months
FRANK J. STAPLETON, Domestic Sales, 43 years, 2 months

J.A.C. Group Sponsors Softball Tournament

NINE PEOPLES GAS members of the Junior Association of Commerce are cooperating with Norman Schultz, Methods and Routines, in selling tickets to the West-Central Regional Tournament of the Amateur Softball Association, which is sponsored by the Chicago J.A.C. organization. The games will be held at Shewbridge Field, 74th Street and Aberdeen Avenue, on August 30 and 31, and September 1 and 2.

The teams engaged in the tournament are the state and metropolitan champions from Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, and Chicago.

Tickets and further information can be obtained from Norman Schultz, Extension 586.

Three Meter Readers Leave for Military

DURING the month of May, Edwin Foley left the Meter Reading department to enter the armed forces, while during June, John Dunning, of the same department entered the service. Elton L. Everett, another meter reader, left during the month of July.

Gas Ad

FOR SALE: Have several reels of 16 mm movie subjects very reasonable. A. Johnson, room 743, Ext. 826.

FOR HIRE: Orchestra—(small but good) available for parties. Call Ernest Seinetz. Ext. 442 or Independence 8052.

WANTED: Woman desires room with board or kitchen privileges on North or Northwest side. Call Newcastle 5879.

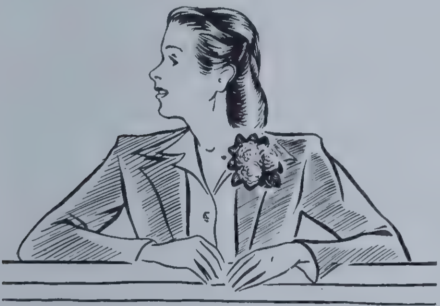
Gas Club Events

SEPTEMBER 7—Gas Club Golf tournament, at Gleneagles Country Club (see above story for details).
SEPTEMBER 26—Men's Party, Mural Room of the Morrison Hotel.
OCTOBER 26—Dancing Party Terrace Casino, Morrison Hotel.
NOVEMBER 27—Thanksgiving Eve Dance, Mural Room, Hotel Morrison.
DECEMBER 21—Christmas Show for Gas Club kiddies—Civic Opera House.

The Women's Slant

New Lines for Fall

It is predicted that skirts will be less full and will have a slimmed down appearance. They will also be from one to two inches longer. . . . Brown, from the rich dark shades to the soft lighter shades, will be one of the favorite colors for fall wear.



A Different Looking Corsage

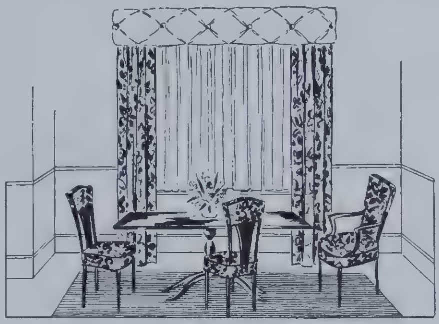
The bright old-fashioned geranium blossom is a new favorite for corsage wear. Several of these blossoms bunched together with just two or three leaves take beautifully to tweed suits.

Stellar Stuff

The combination of crystal and pearl beads for necklaces and bracelets is enchanting worn with plain colored light woolen dresses. We saw a set of these worn with a powder blue lightweight woolen dress. The effect was refreshingly different.

Colonial Charm in a Quilt

One of the most absorbing of the needlework arts is quilt making. Colorful and artistic, a handmade quilt lends distinction and charm to a period bedroom. This pattern, called "President's Wreath," is appliqued in red and green to large squares of white cotton. The background is quilted in a favorite quilting design. A direction leaflet for making this quilt may be obtained from the Gas News office.



Gay Slipcovers and Drapes

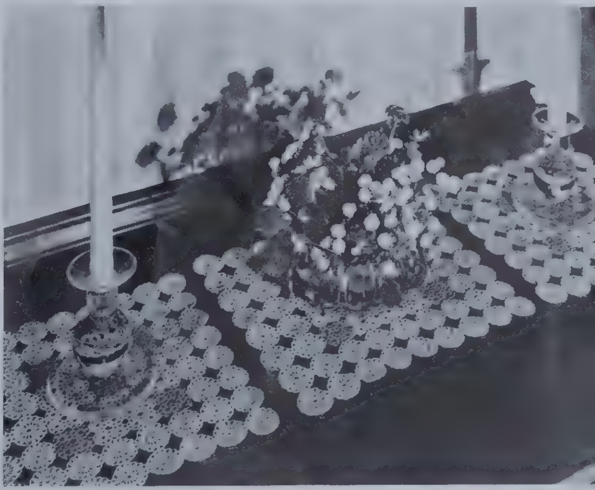
The dining room can be as bright and cheerful as any room in the house. New matching slipcovers for the chairs and draperies solve your problem of giving the room warmth and gayety. You can also create unusual color combinations. Use light tones if the room is on the shaded side of the house, darker colors if it has a sunny exposure. You may have the directions for making the curtains, draperies, cornice and slipcovers by calling at the Gas News office, Room 1245.

Plant Note

For a change, paint your ordinary flower pots with black enamel. You'll be surprised how well they set off bright flowering plants such as pink petunias.

Dainty Motifs

It's easy to have runners in just the right sizes if you make them yourself. This pattern of small and large motifs, crocheted in light and dark cotton, is adaptable to all your runner requirements. Shown here as a set of three pieces for the buffet, the combinations of colors and motif sizes make attractive, furniture-saving sets for tables, vanity and bureau. The instruction leaflet for making this set is available at Gas News office, Room 1245.



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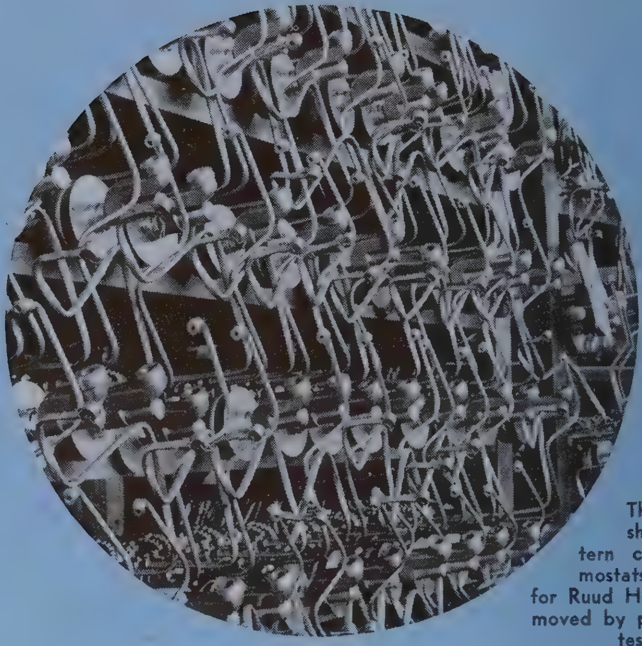

The circular photo shows a neat pattern composed of thermostats and burner units for Ruud Heaters, as they are moved by push truck into the testing area.

Hot Water via

"OLD FAITHFUL," out in the vacation country, has one of the biggest water heaters in the world connected to its subterranean piping system. It is powerful, spectacular, and quite dependable in its quaint old way. You can almost set your watch by it, so exact is the recurrence of the geyser. But it is a poor example of a water heater by present day standards.

Instead of relying on mother nature or a tea kettle, now-a-days modern home makers can have the desired flow of hot water, at a pre-determined temperature, in amounts wanted, at any time it is needed. Indeed, the up-to-date "Old Faithful" is the modern gas water heater.

All of the automatic features of the gas designed water heater are planned and built-in at the factory, on a production line that made combat instruments during the recent war period. The rigid standards maintained at the plant assure the customer that water heater and fuel will combine efficiently to give long and satisfactory service.

These pictures were taken at the Kalamazoo, Michigan, plant of the Ruud Manufacturing Company

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Production Line

1. FORMING THE JACKET:—A sheet of metal, with holes already punched, becomes the water heater's outer jacket after a cold rolling operation is performed.

2. SPRAYING:—In a special booth, a water fall background carries off paint spray particles.

3. LEAK TEST:—All burners and magnetic automatic shut-off valves are tested before assembly. The latter is an ingenious device which prevents the gas from being turned on unless the gas pilot is lit.

4. ASSEMBLY:—The assembly line begins at the point where the legs (base) are attached to the inner tank.

5. STARTS TO MOVE:—A single roadway of steel rollers hundreds of feet long constitutes the assembly line. The stand and tank are placed on the wooden platform which becomes the bottom of the crate when ready for shipping.

6. INSULATION:—A device similar to a shoe horn is filled on opposite sides of the tank with fiber-glass insulating material. These "horns" hold the insulation in place until the outer shell or jacket is slipped over the unit.

7. TIGHTENING FITTINGS:—By means of an air-operated tool, the fittings at the top of the heater are tightened.

8. THE BAFFLE:—shown being installed, is designed to retard the passage of heat through the flue tube, which makes sure that the maximum quantity of heat passes to the stored water.

9. FINAL ASSEMBLY:—The men below are adding the final touches to the assembly operation, installing the burner and thermostat units, the door, the frame and other items.

10. CRATING:—The final operation is done quickly and efficiently. The crate sides are wrapped around the unit and fastened to the base. The crates are pre-stenciled for shipping.

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Back on the Job

After Serving with Uncle Sam

Richard Casper

WHEN *Richard Casper* "stowed" his uniform after three years of duty in the Army, he returned to the Company where he was promoted to the Domestic Sales Department. He was formerly a member of Customer Accounting.

Dick, who spent 22 months in England doing administrative work in the Air Force, was released by the Army as a staff sergeant and wore a European theatre of operations ribbon and a good conduct ribbon.

Jerry Coffey

Jerry Coffey, Customer Accounting, has no complaints about being a "mere civilian" again after spending four years in the Army attached to an adjutant general's casualty section.

His work consisted of checking and sending casualty reports to headquarters after which the war department relayed the information to the homes of the injured.

After spending two years in England, France, Belgium, Germany, and Austria, Jerry sported a meritorious unit citation for reporting combat troop casualties, an American Defense ribbon, an American theatre of operations ribbon, a good conduct ribbon, and five stars on a European theatre of operations ribbon.

George Considine

George Considine, Customer Accounting was a member of an amphibious corps in an Army Tank unit for 37 months. He spent eight months in India and was a private first class before his discharge.

George wore a meritorious unit citation, an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon, an American theatre of operations ribbon, and a good conduct ribbon.

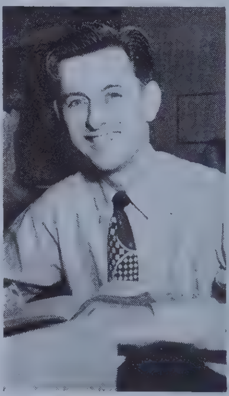
While in Aberdeen, Maryland, working on the proving grounds, he was struck by a small truck and had to spend two and a half months in the hospital.

Al Walavich

AFTER SPENDING 33 months in the Marine corps working as a photographer *Al Walavich* returned to his former job in the Photographic Department.

Al was a staff sergeant at the time of his discharge and wore an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon with three battle stars, and an American theatre of operations ribbon. He was awarded a Navy unit citation for photographic work which aided operations while they were in Guam.

Al visited New Caledonia, Guadalcanal Bougainville, Orbaul, Green Island, New Hebrides, Guam, Okinawa, Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima, and Japan.



Leander Baker

Leander Baker returned after two and a half years to occupy the same chair and desk that he had before joining the Army.

Leander was a technician third grade and spent 23 months in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan. He was awarded a meritorious unit citation while a member of "MacArthur's Miniature Division," received an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon with two stars, a Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star, and a good conduct ribbon.

Phil Crimmins

AFTER SPENDING almost three years attached to an Army general hopsital unit as a surgical technician, *Phil Crimmins* returned to the Customer Accounting.

Phil at the time of his release was a corporal and wore a meritorious unit award, for work performed up to V.E. day, a European theatre of operations ribbon, an American theatre of operations ribbon, and a good conduct ribbon.

Walter Cummings

AN EIGHT HOUR working day is satisfactory as far as *Walter Cummings* is concerned. After spending four years in the Army working on the personnel records in a machine records unit, he again picked up his duties in the Customer Accounting.

Walt, who was a staff sergeant, spent 39 months in New Caledonia, Hawaii, Manila, and Okinawa and wore an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon with one star, a Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star, and a good conduct ribbon.

William Mock

Duties performed by *William Mock*, Customer Accounting, during his two and one-half years in the Army, were connected with finance.

Bill was a master sergeant at the time of his release. Two years was spent traveling to Bougainville, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan.

Bill at the time of his discharge wore an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon with three stars, a Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star, and a good conduct ribbon.

Francis Nash

Francis Nash, Customer Accounting, was with a statistical control unit in the personnel section during his three years in the Army. As a sergeant, he processed records and reports.

Francis attended adjutant general school for seven weeks in Ft. Washington, Maryland, where he prepared for the work to which he was later assigned.

Francis was given an American theatre of operations ribbon, a meritorious service award, and a good conduct ribbon.

Albert Colby

Friends of *Albert Colby*, Bill Delivery Department, welcomed him back to work after he had spent 21 months attached to an anti-tank company in the infantry. He was a member of a mine platoon in which he laid and retrieved mines.

Al was awarded a bronze star on a European theatre of operations ribbon, a combat infantry badge, and a good conduct ribbon to remind him of his sojourn in the Army.

Elmer Michaels

During the 33 months *Elmer Michaels* spent in the Navy, he was promoted from apprentice seaman to yeoman first class, and worked as ship's personnel clerk, a job dealing with confidential records.

Elmer, who returned to the Statistical, was attached to the destroyer mine sweeper, "Perry," which sailed to Attu, Kiska, the Aleutians, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Antipe, New Guinea, Saipan, Tinian, and Guam.

Elmer wore a commendation ribbon, an American theatre of operations ribbon and an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon with four battle stars.

Emil Irving

The "welcome mat" was laid for *Emil Irving*, Customer Accounting, when he returned to the Company after spending 30 months in the Navy. Emil entered service as a storekeeper second class and was promoted to chief storekeeper.

After spending eleven months in Pearl Harbor and Guam, Emil was returned to the States wearing an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon and an American theatre of operations ribbon.

Edward Wassman

As a squad leader in a cavalry division *Edward Wassman*, Meter Reading, spent 16 of his 23 months in Leyte, Luzon, and Japan.

Ed received a Presidential unit citation for fighting at Antipolli, Luzon, and wore an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon with two battle stars, a Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star, a Japan occupation ribbon and a good conduct ribbon.

Bernard Gallagher

Although *Bernard Gallagher*, Customer Accounting, did not visit foreign shores during his three years in the Army, he was kept mighty busy in a machine records unit where he was chief clerk. As a master sergeant, he supervised the administrative section.

"Barney" received six weeks instruction for this work at Adjutant generals school, Ft. Washington, Maryland, and was released from service with a good conduct ribbon and an American theatre of operations ribbon.

Richard Carey

The domestic sales gained an employe when *Richard Carey* returned after four years and was promoted from Customer Accounting to the Sales.

Dick, an infantry rifleman, was a sergeant upon his release from service. He spent eight months in Africa, Sicily, and Italy, and had a combat infantry badge, a European theatre of operations ribbon with one star, an American theatre of operations ribbon, and a good conduct ribbon.

William Beuke

William Beuke, Photographic, was a member of the Topographical engineers unit reproducing maps and acting as a laboratory technician during the 51 months he was in the service.

Bill spent time in North Africa, Honolulu, and Okinawa, thereby earning a European theatre of operations ribbon, an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon with one star, an American theatre of operations ribbon, an American Defense service ribbon, and a good conduct ribbon.

Guidance of the Medical Department has been resumed by *Dr. Howard Lindberg*, who returned as medical director after an absence of four years from the Company.

Dr. Howard Lindberg

Dr. Lindberg, a lieutenant colonel at the time of his release, spent 38 months overseas in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, Honolulu, Okinawa, and Ie Shima. He wore two battle stars on an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon and an American theatre of operations ribbon.

After 33 months in the Army Infantry, *Fred Kann* has returned to his niche in the Photographic Department. Fred left the Army as a private first class after spending six months in France and Germany.

Fred Kann

Fred received a purple heart when he was wounded while walking a night patrol in France. He stepped on a land mine which had been planted under some rocks in the street. He also has a European theatre of operations ribbon with two battle stars, an American theatre of operations ribbon, and a good conduct ribbon.

The ways of civilian life please *Thomas Dimond*, Domestic Sales, after spending 39 months in the Army Air Corps.

Thomas Dimond

Tom came out of the services as a staff sergeant after serving 29 months in China and Burma. He has a presidential unit citation for action in December, 1943, when they brought cargo over the "hump" into China, an Asiatic theatre of operations ribbon, and a good conduct ribbon.

Richard Hathaway spent 46 months in the signal corps as a sergeant. He spent a year in France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, and Austria.

Richard Hathaway

Dick was given a citation for communications installed and operated while on duty with the 648th Tank Destroyer Battalion in Alsace Lorraine. He wears two battle stars on his European theatre of operations ribbon, an American theatre of operations ribbon, and a good conduct ribbon.

The gang in the Photographic welcomed *Bruno Marek* back after he returned from three years as an Army rifleman.

Bruno Marek

Bruno served two years in Ireland, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and England. He received a purple heart for being wounded while in Germany. In addition Bruno holds an American Defense ribbon, a European theatre of operations ribbon with three battle stars, and a good conduct ribbon.

Employees visiting the Medical Department are very likely to be treated by *Dr. Walter Hook* who has returned to the Company after spending four years in the Army Medical Corps.

Dr. Walter Hook

At the termination of his Army service, he was addressed lieutenant colonel.

Some of his most interesting work was performed as United States member of the Mixed Medical Commission, the body which repatriated and exchanged sick and wounded prisoners of war between the Allies and Germany.

William Savage, who was a member of the Customer Accounting before he entered military service, returned to assume duties in the Domestic Sales.

William Savage

Bill, who worked as a clerk in an Army observation battalion, was in service 34 months. He was released as a corporal after spending 19 months in England, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He has a distinguished unit citation, a European theatre of operations ribbon with five battle stars, an American theatre of operations ribbon, and a good conduct ribbon.

After spending two and a half years in the Army, *Ed Griffiths* has returned to the Statistical Department. Ed was assigned to a finance unit, and as a corporal, his work was connected with the records and payroll.

Ed Griffiths

Ed was sent to England, France, and Belgium, and wore a European theatre of operations ribbon with two battle stars, a good conduct ribbon, and an American theatre of operations ribbon.

Life for *Charles Kenney*, Claim, has settled back into civilian routine after his three years in the Army Air Corps.

Charles Kenney

As a corporal, Charles was an area gunner instructor, and spent two years in Africa, India, Burma, and China for which he received a European theatre of operations ribbon, an Asiatic Pacific theatre of operations ribbon with two stars, an American theatre of operations ribbon, and a good conduct ribbon.

Roundhouse Plant Uses Gas

A manufacturing plant, converted from an old roundhouse, uses gas for manufacturing, as described in adjoining column.

Service Anniversaries August 1946

45 YEARS

Monroe, George, South District

35 YEARS

Abramski, Peter, Division St. Station
Kearney, Thomas R., Gen. Accounting
Snedden, Robert J., Peoples Gas Bldg.

30 YEARS

Booth, Harry Peter, Transportation
Kingswell, George, Domestic Sales
Solin, Charles, Meter Shop
Thompson, John M , South District

25 YEARS

Cepek, William E. J., Customers
Collins, Daniel, Service Dispatching
Fallon, Leo J., Credit & Collection
Howe, John F., Credit & Collection
Kolich, Joseph, Crawford Station
Kunich, Evan, Crawford Station
Reynolds, William, Meter Shop
Royle, John, Crawford Station
Vidovich, Michael, 110th Street Station

Card of Thanks

I wish to take this means of expressing my sincere thanks for the flowers and kind expressions of sympathy extended at the time of our recent sad bereavement, the loss of our husband and father.
Mrs. George C. Elmberger and Family

Please accept my grateful appreciation for your kind expression of sympathy tendered me in the loss of my beloved husband. Mrs. George Thome

The family of the late Mrs. Katherine Kaspar wish to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy.

Your kind expressions of sympathy at the time of my brother's death are deeply appreciated.
Miss Libby Marciniak

My family and I wish to express our sincere thanks for the flowers and the kind expressions of sympathy tendered at the time of our recent bereavement.
William J. Soika

Your kindness and sympathy is more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.
The John J. Bruen Family

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.
Ralph H. Barnes and Family

GAS *around the World*

BY WILLIAM HELME

Roundhouse Regeneration — One way to cut corners in solving the housing problem is to find yourself a nice abandoned roundhouse. In fact, you can probably eliminate the corners entirely. The Mikolite Company of Illinois found such a structure at 16th & Indiana Avenue, just west of the Weldon Coach Yard of the Illinois Central R. R., and is busily converting it into an industrial plant. Built in 1902, to mother a lot of panting locomotives, the roundhouse has been unoccupied for the past two years. The turntable has now been filled in and the engine pits of the 10 stalls boarded over to provide ample floor space. Needed repairs to the roof, windows, and other parts of the building are being made and the plant will soon be in operation producing Mikolite, a fireproof insulating material much in demand by the building trade for new and remodeled homes. Gas will be used for heating and expanding the product in its manufacture.

Strange as It Seems—One pound of hydrogen gas can be worth 570 million dollars, if all the atoms were converted to energy, yielding 11,350,000,000 kilowatt hours or 15,250,000,000 horsepower hours.

New Clothes Dryer — A gas-fired tumbler-type, automatic clothes dryer, timed to keep up with the washing, will be on the market this summer. All the housewife does is put the clothes into the dryer porthole, set the controls and go merrily on her way. The clothes cannot be harmed as the dryer shuts off automatically when the job is done. Clothes come out fluffy and light, their fibers revitalized by the flow of warm air thru the weave.

Gassy Facts—Natural gas deliveries in the U. S. each year exceed 3¾ trillion cubic feet—the heating equivalent of 15 million tons of coal. End to end pipe lines carrying natural gas to American homes and industries would encircle the earth at the equator almost nine times—and that item is about as appropriate as one could find for a column called GAS AROUND THE WORLD.

Departmental News Notes

Auditing Department

BY ESTHER STREBEL

Charles Hill

THE COMPLETION OF 40 years of service with the Company is a noteworthy event and on July 1, the members of the Auditing Department were happy to help "The Boss" celebrate his anniversary. The day opened with a presentation to Mr. Hill of a desk pen set, suitably engraved, as tangible evidence of the sincere good wishes of the staff. Andy Gallagher, who completed his 40 years in 1944, prefaced the presentation with personal recollections, both humorous and serious, from the 40 year span. For the rest of the morning there was a steady stream of visitors from all departments, and the officers of the Company climaxed the recognitions with a luncheon at the Illinois Athletic Club honoring the occasion.

Photographic

BY HARRY YOUNG

FRED KANN IS back from his vacation sojurn to Waterford, Wis. where he absorbed a bountiful supply of sunshine and a satiation of his highly activated appetite. The fish must eat well in that region too, for his angling efforts proved fruitless. Fred reports too that the stuff "that made Milwaukee famous" is no longer a nickel! Next month he will leave us to take advantage of his Vet qualifications and enroll at Wright College for a course in Engineering. Bruno Marek is now vacationing around Chicagoland. Bud Mulcrone is beaming these days after acquiring an apartment! After his marriage next month, he and his bride will promptly have a place to hang their hats. Bill Beuke was "City Guide" for a Des Moines visitor lately, and yours truly offered the same services to delegates from Philadelphia and New York. Something new must have been added to Lake Michigan lately. Bob Hull set some sort of record several weeks ago when he drank fifty one-ounce and a half glasses of water in 12 minutes!

Statistical

BY ELMER J. MICHAELS

WELCOME TO DOROTHY O'Neill who has come to us from the Customer Accounting Department. . . . The "Stix" was well represented at the golf tournament at St. Andrews. William Gray and Edward Griffiths were holders of lucky tickets to come in for some nice door prizes. . . . Edith Wiedling was host (?) to members of the Statistical for a day of outing and fun in McHenry, Illinois. . . . Edward Hatch has been solidifying the Good Neighbor policy through his recent vacationing in Canada. . . . Margaret Behrens is at present enjoying the West and what it offers in way of ruggedness and fresh air.

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

THIS PICTURE of Carol Oedzes leaves no doubt as to why she was chosen queen of The Rainbow Trailer Camp. Some pumpkin, eh, fellows? A surprise party was given your scribe on July 10th to celebrate 35 years of service. . . . Thanks a lot for remembering. . . . And speaking of celebrations, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Driscoll recently observed their 35th wedding anniversary. . . . Congratulations to you both! If you happen to break your windshield, see Wasson who will graciously pay for replacing it. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Loring W. Coleman are visiting Loring's brother in Santa Barbara. Mrs. Coleman is convalescing from a serious operation and we hope her stay in California will restore her to full health. . . . We welcome to our fold John E. Golden who is back with us again after a long stint in the Army. John is a member of the Night Force. . . . The vacation period for most has come and gone for another year. With so many away at one time, the Department was a very quiet place. . . . And so until next time, remember there is only one way to win an argument with a clever woman—grab your hat and run!

Carol Oedzes

Stores—Warehouse

BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

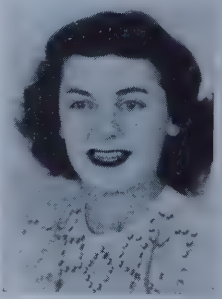
VACATION DAYS are in full swing, but nary a card from our vacationists. For the past two weeks Florence Nolan, Rudy Beuchel, Harold Witkop, John Gagler, Dick Bowen and Charles Huck have been "holidaying." Hope they bring back some pictures for our column. . . . We do have a bit of exciting news. Chris Tebbens is engaged to a fine little girl from Arizona, Marge Nash. Chris met Marge while he was stationed in Arizona, and I am told it was 'love at first sight.'

Messenger Service

BY HARRY K. FOX

WE HEARTILY welcome into the Messenger Service two new young ladies. They are the misses Violet Ritis, and Rosemarie Bradtke, both graduates of Steinmetz High school. Also Robert Hansen, a grad of Lane Technical High School. . . . Dorothy Jensen received a promotion to Customer Accounting. Good luck, Dorothy. . . . Bob Royalson left for a two week vacation, and we are hoping he comes back with a nice tan and a string of fish or two. . . . We extend our greatest sympathy to Adolph Armbruster, on the loss of his brother.

Violet Ritis


Rosemarie Bradtke

South Sales

BY ELMER J. STAMM

RECENTLY WE MENTIONED that our Sales Director, R. B. Munroe, has been making weekly trips to Fish Lake, Indiana, where he is building a summer home. We all know that he is tops when it comes to selling, but we are green with envy when a pair of blistered hands can get results as pictured above, after eleven days of work. . . . South Sales was well represented at the annual summer golf tournament at St. Andrews Golf Club. Our compliments to the Committee for such a super time. . . . No more weekly trips for Harold Brownell to Kokomo, for he has finally been able to get into his new home in Chicago. You're a fortunate man, Harold. . . . Adam Soich, salesman in Mr. Kelly's crew, came into the office the other day sporting a beautiful shiner (black eye to you). This is his story: On one of our very hot Sundays, he decided to take Mrs. Soich and his son to Oak Street Beach. Upon arrival Adam's son began tossing pebbles with a few newly acquired playmates—you guessed it—Adam forgot to duck. "Tell it to Ripley, Adam."

Roy Munroe plus eleven days of work equals the lovely summer home pictured above.

Methods and Routines

BY E. W. REGAN

WE ARE HAPPY to welcome as new members of our department Shirley Bouma, Gertrude Gammie and Shirley Richardson. . . . The recent remodeling and enlargement of our office space caused some temporary inconvenience, but it was well worth it, because the additional space and improved layout will enable us to work with greater efficiency and comfort in the future. . . . Bob Huck reports, from his northern Michigan retreat, that he has become a fishing enthusiast. He is about ready to challenge Floyd Eldridge, our master fisherman, to a contest at either the actual catching of fish or the telling of tales concerning alleged catches and near misses!

Customers Order

BY ROBERT POTTHOFF

WE WELCOME to our department several new and vivacious young ladies in the person of Betty Crowe, Kathleen Irwin, Evelyn Gustafson, Dolores Maurer, Magdeline Mandik, and Waltie Turner. At the present they are helping out in the Completed File. . . . Also, Lillian Stearney is the newest telephone exchange girl. . . . Lucy Dorgan, of the same exchange, has recently become a grandmother. . . . Steve Jorfe, now that he has everyone in Chicago on the proper rate, states that he spent the first three days of his vacation in Washington, D.C., He spent the other eleven days traveling. He saw Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills, and states that he was making arrangements to have his features carved in stone on the mountain next to Washington and Lincoln, but couldn't take time to pose. . . . Adolph Sommer spent his vacation in Northern Minnesota. . . . Alva Ouimet enjoyed two weeks rest at Springfield, Mass., returning to Chicago by way of Buffalo, N.Y. and Cleveland. . . . Frank Strumski visited his aunt's farm at Three Rivers, Michigan. He states there was no shortage of butter there, but he regrets putting on three pounds of weight. . . . Dan Minehan put in a new concrete walk at his home. He first learned the words and tune of "Cement Mixer," and sang the song while he worked. The Walk turned out O.K. . . . The snapshot shown is of Joan Marie (Bonnie) Wallace, 26 months' old daughter of our Walter Wallace. That's a New Year's horn she is trying to blow. . . . August Goldschmidt spent his vacation in Omaha. . . . Frank Izzo has been released from the hospital, and soon will be back with us. . . . Larry Corcoran has been keeping his elevated refund receipts here at the office. He had quite a stack, but removed them for safe keeping upon seeing several of the clerks note their hiding place. . . . Bob McGann spend a good deal of his vacation time looking up his old cronies in the show business. Gee, if I could only tell a dialect joke like Bob. Entertainment committee please copy. Mc Gann is available for week-end engagements. . . . Bill Rees and Tome Moone say the scenery is much better in the Balcony than up on the third floor, but they miss the comfortable feeling of a headset. . . . George Keller, when asked for a news item, said: "Nothing ever happens to us old timers. After 33 years, naturally there are no weddings, no births, and I haven't heard of any divorces." . . . Earl Smith, a beginner at three-cushion billiards, has improved his game so much during the past month under the able teaching of Phil Eddy, that he really shoots very sharp stick. . . . Fred Swensen and Phil Ditmer are again with us helping out. Hope you boys manage to stay with us for some time to come.

Joan Marie Wallace

General Accounting

BY LUCILE NOFTSKER

THIS SNAPSHOT WAS taken at Lake Arrowhead, 5000 feet above sea level during Sadie Lyons' recent trip to California. Pictured with her is Ward Musick, the grandson of Sam Ward who used to work in this department. Sadie also saw the mission of San Juan Capistrano, the Brown Derby in Hollywood, Catalina Island, New Chinatown in Los Angeles, and the oil fields in Long Beach. She took a trip to Mexico, too, attended some radio broadcasts, a lot of dances, and was personally introduced to Gene Autry at one of his rodeos. . . . Vivian Hollander's vacation was a very quiet one spent with her folks in Northern Wisconsin. . . . William Sweetman used up his three weeks painting his house. . . . It was with the deepest regret that we said goodbye to four of our married girls who left us last month—Astrid Berg, Laverne Redfield, Madalyn Drysdale, and Rosalie Orb. . . . Joe Thomas has added wading to his golf technique. In a recent game, a golf club flew out of his hand while teeing off, and he had to wade in a water hole to retrieve it. . . . Sincere sympathy is extended to Clyde DuVall on the recent death of his mother. . . . Arthur Skelton spent his vacation resting at home. . . . Leonard Schultz had one of the local stores believing that the post-war buying wave had started as during a recent sale the Drug Company reduced the price of a product known as Similac (a babies food) with sales limited to one can per customer. By dint of considerable persuasion Leonard had 28 of his colleagues buy the stuff for him including bachelors Rolston, Kearney, LaVernway and Fisher who suffered some caustic comment as they returned from lunch with their strange purchases.

Sadie Lyons and Ward Musick

Meter Reading

BY ANNA MAE KARLAK

In seeking the whereabouts of our vacationists we came across this picture of Patrick Kinsley and Frederic Donnelly. The picture was taken while Fred was on his vacation in Washington. Pat is in Naval training there. . . . Word from our other vacationists has also been wending its way to us. Herb Morin claims that fishing is (par-excellent) in Woodruff Wisconsin. Bob Bechtold is leisurely spending his time fishing and camping at Tomahawk, Wisconsin. Joe Doyle tops all fish stories by saying, and we quote: "Why go fishing in Canada when you can catch 150 fish in Lake Michigan in no time at all." Some fishermen, these Meter Readers. A few of our boys are spending their vacations in unusual ways, such as is the case of Henry Babiarz. Henry is taking in the sights of Chicago, so few of us ever see our own city before we go rushing off to other places to find adventure. George Hurley claims Olsen Falls is just about the best place for any vacationist, and its soooo easy to get to. For further information see George. . . . Now for our servicemen; Pvt. Bill Gillies writes he just loves army life in Colorado these hot days, but then who wouldn't? Bill is in training for the Ski Troops. Nice work if you can get it these days. . . . Elton Everett has now become a member of the Armed Forces, we hope to hear more of his activities later. . . . Those wedding bells have once again chimed for a member of our department. Our very best wishes go to Carl Uminger of Ashland Ave. and his bride of July 3. . . . A blessed event arrived at the home of the John Arnold's, a baby boy born July 8, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. The proud parents announce that Thomas is doing just fine. . . . Thomas McNicholas was married on July 20. Congratulations, Tom.

Patrick Kinsley and Frederic Donnelly

Central District

BY J. (WOODY) WODNIAKOWSKI

Another Central District picnic is just a memory. That it was a success is attested by the compliments and words of satisfaction received from many sources, young, and old. The soda pop, ice cream, and cracker jack were disposed of quickly, but the "Pop" in barrels lasted to satisfy all. The antics of William Baschleben again delighted the children; in fact, many grown ups had a chuckle or two. Mrs. Gronow assisted by Stanley Posen, also received wide appreciation. Leon Peikes again scored with the coffee. The annual ball game between the men from the Street Dept. and Shop force ended with a victory for the Shop men by a narrow margin of 6 to 5. The races, contests and horse shoe pitching attracted their share of competitors and supporters. Christ Poppelreiter won the men's race (for men over 190 lbs), whereas, Michael Sweeney Jr. won the race for boys under 4 yrs. James McGuigan and Robert Detlefsen won the egg tossing contest, though I hear the winners have been challenged to a return match by the losers, namely, E. G. Campbell, J. J. Novy, P. G. Bruck, Thomas Bogumill and James Fitzpatrick.

The Tax and Property

BY DOROTHY M. TEUBER

Arthur Granberg was in the spotlight twice this month. The first time was when he came to work wearing the very latest in gentlemen's attire. As is the custom on such occasions the department sent him a corsage. The second time was on July 16th when he celebrated his 35th year of service with the Company. His co-workers presented him with a pair of golf shoes (the right size) which they think will make Byron Nelson jealous. For the first time "Duke" was speechless!!! . . . On July 6 June Eilert became Mrs. Al Michener. The young couple will make their home in Ottumwa, Iowa. Lots of happiness to you both. . . . The itinerary of the vacationers resembles the well-known Cook's tours: Ray Johnson went to Boise, Idaho, and liked it so much that he will move out there the end of July. . . . Ed Ryan drove to Yellowstone. . . . LaVergne Krueger and Mary Ann Snyder traveled to Colorado. A highlight of their trip was the Chuck Wagon dinner in the Garden of the Gods. . . . We heard all about Florida and Cuba from Helen Bergren and Clarissa Kelch. . . . Kathryn Gibbons visited the home folks in Sioux City, Iowa. . . . Florence Fiore reports that there is never a dull moment at the Jack and Jill Ranch in Montague, Michigan. . . . Doris Bozzo also enjoyed the cool north woods. . . . Marg Quan must be working for the Minocqua Chamber of Commerce from what she's told us of her vacation on Squirrel Lake. . . . Mike Jelinek spent a week of his vacation at Three Lakes, Wisconsin, and came back with NO FISH (he says), not even a story of the big one that got away. We wish you good luck, Mike, for the second week of your vacation because we sure would like some fish for our table.

Customers

BY PAUL STROM

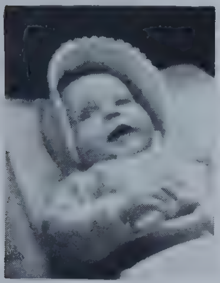
William Schueler and Nicholas Stewart retired on July 31. Bill was with the Company for almost 43 years. He says that he is going to take a good vacation and just spend his time doing the things he enjoys most—fishing, gardening, and photography. Nick has been around for 33 years. He hasn't decided what to do during his leisure hours. War Bonds were given to both Bill and Nick as parting gifts from their fellow workers. We wish the best of luck and health to two grand fellows: . . . Congratulations to Ed. Flanagan who celebrated his 35th anniversary with the Company. . . . A card from Norman MacDonald told us that he was having a good rest at the MacDonald summer home at Lauderdale Lake, in Wisconsin. Frank McDonald (no relation to Norman) spent his vacation touring through the East. . . . Phil Corrigan just laid around at Eagle Lake, Michigan, lapping up the good old sunshine, and playing a little golf. . . . Dick Cahill hit the jack pot recently when he collected $50 for one of his suggestions. Nice work, Dick. . . . The Customers Department was very well represented at the Club golf outing. The smiling faces in the picture belong to (left to right) Walter Lange, Corrine Cornelius, Owen Fee, and Warren Neiman. Who snapped the picture? You guessed it—Jack Cornelius. . . . We all extend our deepest sympathy to William Cepek, who lost his father.

The "chummy" group below are: Walter Lange, Corrine Cornelius, Owen Fee, and Warren Neiman

North District

BY JOHN LAWRISUK

YES, SIR! A marvelous time was had by all. "Where," you ask? At North Shop's picnic, of course. The gala event was held on June 30, at Schiller's Woods. There were refreshments in abundance, games, and dancing, and also something which was not anticipated . . . rain. The baseball game featuring the Street Section versus the Service and Fitting Section was in full swing about the 5th inning — with the Street Section's "Banjo Players" leading the Fitters by a healthy score of 10 to 2. Then suddenly the threatening clouds which were hovering overhead burst and sent all the gay picnickers scurrying for shelter. But after the rain subsided the folks resumed their merrymaking. 'Twas a slightly drenched, but happy crowd that went home that night, with another swell North Shop affair to remember. Our heartiest thanks go to Joe Cox and his committee for the fine job they did in making the picnic a success. . . . Congratulations are in order for Jimmy McGuigan and his bride, the former Lorraine Schinkoeth, who took the trip down the aisle on June 1st. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in the "Land of Sunshine" (California). . . . We are happy to present Eddie Howe's pride and joy, Kathleen Mary, who arrived on February 25. . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of William "Bob" Roberts, Senior Shop Clerk, who passed away on June 7th, after a long illness, and to James Burke on the recent death of his mother.



Kathleen Mary Howe

Peoples Gas Building

BY MARGE BROWN

THE WELCOME MAT is rolled out to Michael Moriarity, and Alexander Hurowitz who have just become janitors in our department. . . . Has anyone noticed the slight expansion of John Lorenz's chest these past few weeks? John became the grandfather of a 7-lb. 12-oz. boy on June 29, 1946. . . . Bruno Jaroch, elevator operator, made a visit to all the local vacant lots to get enough worms for the fishing he was going to do while on vacation. . . . Surely there is a path worn from Pat Monahan's home to Cubs Park by this time, as Pat really beat it down while on his vacation. . . . Jack Frick claims to have caught a load of fish while vacationing. . . . Good luck to Mary Smoluck who retired on July 31.

Employe Relations

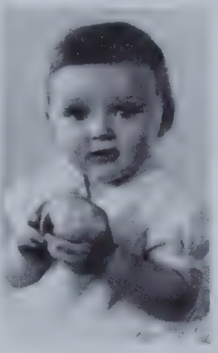
BY MARIAN BRYANT

MIKE MCNICHOLLS has left us and is now deep in the study of optometry. Good luck in your chosen field, Mike. . . . The newcomers in our department are Jean Carlson and B. Quentin Greene. . . . Aboard the Vacation Special: Yvonne Hewitt, the proud owner of a new Plymouth, chose Wyoming. . . . Alice Ahlstrom reported a fine trip to Glacier National Park, Montana. . . . Lenore Carroll and the Carroll Caravan rolled westward with Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, San Diego and Tia Juana as stopping-off places. . . . New York had Agnes Barclay as a visitor for a week. . . . Lucille Steen spent her leisure in Washington Island, Wisconsin while Helen Nevins visited friends in Terre Haute, Indiana. . . . Mabel Coyle headed for Gatlinburg, Tennessee mid the Smoky Mountains. . . . Ruth Jaffke drove up Canada way with a stopover in Quebec.

Domestic Sales

BY RITA NORRIS

WHAT MYSTERIOUS ATTRACTION is drawing our vacationers to Wisconsin this summer? Tom Dimond is spending a week of his leisure there, and Mike Coyne is vacationing at a lodge in Gordon. . . . We all said good-by to Charlie LaMotte who was transferred to South Sales. Having worked there previous to his stay in the Marines, he should feel right at home. Our best wishes go with him. . . . Pat Hewitt is a busy little beaver these days. She has our congratulations on taking over the office of president of the Phi-Gamma Nu Sorority at Northwestern for the coming year. Besides all the activity involved in that position, she finds time to take sewing lessons. . . . The day after Grant Kerrigan announced that he was going on a strict diet he carried his lunch to work in a brief case. . . . Pictured above is "Papa" Carey's "pride and joy," Ellen, aged 15 months.



Ellen Carey

Purchasing

BY HELEN LAMEIKA

MARGARET CARLIN climaxed her one week of vacation which she spent in Chicago by taking a trip to the Sand Dunes and getting a sunburn. . . . Marcia Lunde has returned here to spend her summer vacation from school by assisting us with the work during our vacation periods. . . . Jack Sullivan has left an empty place in the office for two weeks to relax and enjoy his vacation at home with his family.

Archives

BY R. C. FITZSIMMONS

ON JUNE 28TH, surrounded by a score of his co-workers, Gustaf A. Schmidt was whisked over the Indiana line to Vogel's where a surprise dinner had been arranged by Thos. L. West to commemorate Gust's 45 years service with the Company. Gus, in the best of spirits made a great speech commenting on his happy years with his associates, and to top things off he showed us how young he keeps with a graceful dance to the accompaniment of Al. Slawnikowski's accordion. Messrs. F. L. Griffith, S. J. Barrett and G. I. Simpson from the main office and Messrs. Wm. Marshall and W. Brown from Calumet Station were present to congratulate Gus and to enjoy a fine dinner. 1901 to 1946—hard to beat. . . . Vacationing these summer days we have Sam Bartlett prowling the North Side shady spots, Gus Schmidt testing northern Minnesota for future reference maybe, and John Flanagan motoring around Lake Michigan.

Meter Shop

BY G. D. BURNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Marvin Boyd and Mrs. Boyd on the arrival of a six pound baby boy. Also our best wishes to Joseph Toohey and Paul DeChene who have entered the ranks of the happy benedicts. . . . Vacation words received from our boss who is touring Florida and all points in the South, indicate the weather good, roads in fine condition, but nothing said about the fishing. . . . Henry Schlau while on his vacation in Canada kept sending postcards telling about how those big fish were biting. When Henry returned we found out that the only bite he got was from a dog. . . . Karl Pfundt was presented with a beautiful watch by his associates at the shop on his retirement July 1, 1946. Along with the watch goes the sincere wishes for a long and happy rest for Karl. . . . John Neises who has been doing the welding at the Meter Shop for years has proven that welders can be good golfers also. John qualified for the play-off for the Ranney Trophy.

Karl Pfundt

Customer Accounting

BY JESS OLSON

BOOKKEEPING

At the Annual Scribes Party recently, the Editor of Gas News presented the Customer Accounting Department with the yearly award for the outstanding column for the year just completed. I would like to publicly compliment our assistant, John Lis, scribes, Lillian Russell, Adele Lange, Harriett Monahan, Rita Faloona, Marion Smith, Eleanor Mayer, Margaret Reiser, Catherine Heaney and Stanley Orzech for a job well done. The above Scribes celebrated the occasion with a delightful summer luncheon with Assistant Superintendents, Albert Haake and Fred Hartman as guests. . . . On June 22, Lillian Maloney and Francis Russell, a former Army Man, marched up the aisle to the strains of "Here Comes the Bride." It was a beautiful wedding, with our lovely bride wearing white satin and her four bridesmaids wearing white net and large picture hats. The groom's handsome attendants completed the picture and Lillian's sister singing the Ave Maria lent a heavenly touch to the ceremony. We all join in wishing the newlyweds much happiness. . . . We are happy to hear such favorable reports on Dorothy Taylor's convalescence after her recent operation. . . . On Wednesday, July 10, Frank "Kelly" Krempel said "au revoir" as he left us for a well earned vacation after 39 years of faithful service with the Gas Company. All his co-workers in the department gathered at the front railing while Mr. Simpson presented him with a merchandise certificate for the purchase of an easy chair in which to spend his leisure hours. A beautiful corsage was given to Mrs. Krempel and to them both was extended the best of luck and good wishes for a long and happy retirement. Huylers, on south Michigan Avenue was the setting for a lovely dinner given in Frank's honor and all those who attended reported a most enjoyable time. The committee is to be complimented on a very successful party. Holiday highlights from our vacation travelogue: Taking full advantage of those precious weeks was Clara Stoffel. Her tour through the Canadian Rockies, Lake Louise, and other beautiful spots of the northwest would be an answer to any white collar girls' dream. . . . An exciting and interesting trip to Wyoming by way of the airlines was made by Min Groeff. . . . According to Marcella Donohue, sunny California heads the list for a wonderful vacation, while Kay Gallagher picks Colorado Springs as her choice. . . . Missouri found Rose Smith an enthusiastic visitor. . . . Relaxing and enjoying their vacations near home were Helen Gnaedinger, making short trips to various lakes, George Simpson at Lake Lawn, Bill Peterson in and around the northern part of Michigan, and Mae Prinderville celebrating her birthday at Hudson Lake. . . . Recently, Rita Gallagher dashed off to work one morning and unknowingly left her toaster connected. Just about noon, Rita suddenly realized what she had done and decided to go home during her lunch hour and see if the house and toaster were still there. When she got there the house and toaster were just the way she left them. The only damage done was a burnt out filament on the toaster and a piece of toasted woodwork.

Mrs. Krempel proudly watches George Simpson present a merchandise certificate to her husband, Frank Krempel, at the time of his retirement, July 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Russell

RECEIPTS

Pictured is Marie De Young enjoying the Florida sunshine. . . . Isabelle Phillips spent her vacation in good old Chicago. . . . The new faces you see in the Receipt Section are those of Elvera Hreja and Marjorie Ellis. . . . The big event of the month was the wedding of Rose Rostocki and John Mikos, which took place on July 6 in the St. Bruno's Church. Rose wore the traditional white gown and veil. . . . Another July wedding is that of Doris Zager and Alexander Gallucci on Saturday, July 27. . . . Last but not least of the husbands to come back from overseas was Ruth Fordice's husband, Vane, which accounts for her beaming smiles these days.

Marie De Young

KEY PUNCH

Gowned in lovely white brocaded satin, Evelyn Donaldson became the bride of John Klemens, Saturday, July 20 at seven thirty in the evening in the Park Manor Congregational Church. Our best wishes for much happiness are extended to the new Mr. and Mrs.

TABULATING

Here pictured is 2½ year old George Annen III. He has a sister Patricia, 12 years old. . . . Frances (Swickrath) Hahn had a baby girl June 22; her name is Carol Lee. . . . Mary Lou (McGowan) Reinke was in with a picture of her young baby girl. Now we would like to see the little one in person. . . . Joseph P. Schneider and Raymond Hinz are with us now. We welcome them both. . . . The John Smit nuptials are scheduled for August 24. Best wishes to the couple.

George Annen III

Wayne Potter Wins Prize for August Column

Wayne Potter's column for Chicago District Pipeline won honors as the best departmental column submitted during the month of August.

Doris Studtmann, Bearse Manufacturing Company, and Mark Morrow, Marshall Field and Company, judged the contest.

Treasury-Receiving
BY RUTH CARLSON

OUR AUGUST bride-of-the-month, Irene Cink, will be married to her Bob Brunclikon on August 24. The couple will spend their honeymoon at Bob's home in Irwin, Pennsylania. Be happy, kids. . . . Four of our wedded gals have left us to take up their happy-little-housewife duties—Helen Levand, Ceile Cheevers, Ruth McElroy, and Marge Jedrey. We're sorry to lose you, chums, but you know you've got to get down to business sometime. . . . Good to see Walter Yoost back with us after his stint in the Navy. Make your say longer this time, Wally. . . . Our only out-of-town vacationer this month is Mary Limparis who trekked down to see the relations at Macomb, Illinois. . . . Eileen Nestor, Ann Sheehan, Artemus Fefes, Jim Snyder, and Joseph Lehner are roughing it at home, they say. . . . The three new faces in the Mail Division belong to Evelyn Greening, Mary Jane Dansart, and Dorothy Dypold. We are pleased to have such nice additions to our Department. . . . We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the wife and family of Phillip A. Duffey, who passed away on July 10. Mr. Duffey, who retired in 1933 following 34 years of service, started his career as a street lamp lighter. He worked his way upward, despite a physical handicap, through sheer merit, being promoted through the Collection and Treasury-Receiving Department to the position of assistant cashier. "Phil" was beloved by all who knew him for his kindness and his devotion to his company and fellow employes. He was particularly interested in new employes, and many of them who have grown older will never forget his helpful guidance and the influence of his character.

Service Dispatching
BY GEORGE KAZUNAS

THE CHAMPS: Elsewhere, in this issue of Gas News, look over the pictures taken at North District's Picnic. Among those present, and we proudly present, are Mike and Jimmy Collins. Champs in their own right and rugged individualists. This is the picture which your scribe has been trying to obtain since these two boys took over management of the Collins Household. . . . VACATIONS: With Frank Walsh, who usually keeps this place humming, at Paw Paw Lake, things are somewhat dull hereabouts. There's always something of interest in Clarence Ballard's back yard. That's where he enjoyed his finest two weeks for many a year. Joe Mittelman again plans a tour of Chicagoland for his full three weeks vacation. He says even his dog enjoys these jaunts.

Research and Testing
BY GEORGE M. DOWSE

MOST OF THE FELLOWS at the Lab are whiling away their vacations in the good old Middle West. . . . Vince Fortunato took his family to Saugatauk, Michigan for two weeks. He liked it so well that he wished it could have been two months instead of a mere two weeks. You're not alone there, brother. . . . Harry Ziegler, after much deliberation chose Green Bay, Wisconsin as his retreat. The lure of the "Thousand Islands" was great, but Green Bay won out. Why? You should ask. Harry simply could not wait to find out whether Don Hutson was going to play with the Green Bay Packers again this autumn. . . . Jim Gallagher is visiting his sister in Michigan for a few days; then back to Chicago to coach his two boys, James Jr., and Daniel in the art of playing baseball. . . . George Keenan left last week for Birmingham, Alabama where he will inspect pipe for the new natural gas pipeline. . . . Sid Shire is spending each weekend down on his farm in Argus, Indiana. Nothing like the country air and fresh garden vegetables to put you in the pink, says Sid.; and we agree. . . . Hugh Ferguson is waiting impatiently to board the "rattler" that will take him to Northern Wisconsin again. . . . We were sorry to hear about Mrs. Frank Mueller's illness. Here's wishing her a speedy recovery. . . . Bill Larson plans to spend his vacation on his farm in Benton Harbor. He reports that bumper apple and peach crops will keep him busy picking and eating for three weeks. 'Atta boy, Bill.

Chicago District Pipeline ☆
BY WAYNE POTTER

TAKE DOWN THE ole whisk broom and dust off the Welcome mat for two new employees who joined the Company during the month. Bill Scholtes, an ex-army vet is the new Chart Man working out of the Meter Station. Jack Treadman, an ex-navy fly boy is connected with the Engineering end of the business but at the present is working at the Meter Station. . . . Vacations are in full swing and it must be mighty tough on the fish. Charlie Bowen and Nick Manfred are churning up the water around Spooner Lake, Wisconsin. And by this time the lakes of Minnesota should be fished dry as Mr. Boddeker is tossing a mean fly up there. I haven't heard where Tom Cline and Doc Harmening are relaxing but you can bet they're relaxing and enjoying every moment. . . . Tom Allen, holder of the Ranney cup and Ben Stogentine, who relinquished the cup when he went into service, both qualified in the 46 golf edition and as both of these men are far from green on the greens, they will be making it tough for their opponents as match play proceeds. We are certainly "rooting" for you, fellows, and are mighty anxious to hear all about it.

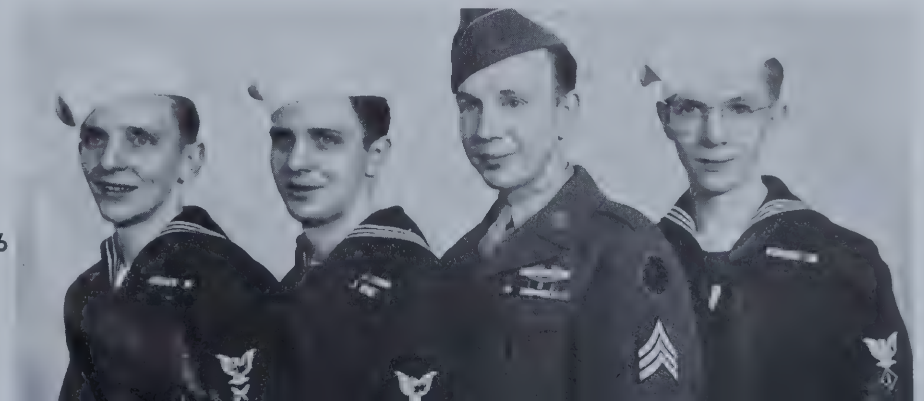
Bill Delivery
BY CAMILLE PALUMBO

DID HARRY NUGENT ever tell you of the time he paid his bus fare and wasn't given a transfer? Although he presented many arguments to the conductor, he never was issued the transfer. Arrived in the office in quite a huff. To hear him tell it, it wasn't the extra fare he had to pay, but the principle of the thing that burned him up. . . . Ray Sweitzer has acquired a new gabardine suit for summer wear. Has been unanimously voted the best dressed man in the department, an honor previously held by Otto Soos. . . . Harry Nugent and Virginia Morris are vacationing. Hope they enjoy a well-earned rest. . . . John Hardin is back after a three week absence. Glad you're back O.K. again, John!

Peoples Gas Post No. 336
BY STANLEY MODZIKOWSKI

THE COLBY FAMILY is well represented in Peoples Gas Post # 336 since Raymond, Albert, Anthony, and Clarence decided to join. All four of the boys saw foreign service. Albert, who is a member of the Bill Delivery Department, served overseas from October 14, 1944, to January, 1946, with the 34th and 88th Divisions. Anthony served in the Pacific theatre as an electric accounting machine operator. He is now in the Customer Accounting. Raymond, not an employe, was a Navy man, doing personnel assignment work in the Pacific theatre, while Clarence, also not an employe, saw service in the Pacific theatre as an operating room technician. He is employed in the same capacity now at Hines Hospital.

Raymond, Clarence, Albert (Bill Delivery), and Anthony (Customer Accounting) Colby, four brothers with overseas records who have become members of our Peoples Gas Post No. 336.



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Gas Club Goes Sailing

Above, the U.S.S. Roosevelt is pictured moored to the dock before it sailed out into Lake Michigan on the evening of August 16 when the Gas Club held its Moonlight Cruise.

Above, Marjorie Hayward, Alfreda Zukowski, Bill Beuke, and Paul Strom must have been enjoying the cruise, as their expressions indicate.

Above, Jimmy Parks, Mrs. Parks, Jimmy Broderick, Mary Douglas, Doris Brown, and Paul Carrier have just partaken of a little refreshment.

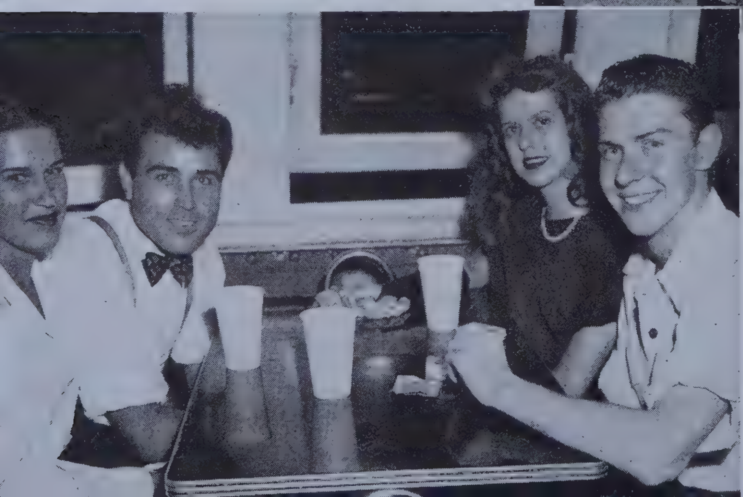
Above, John Sweetman, Mrs. Sweetman, Ray Evans, Helen Rislow, Pete Stella, and Mrs. Stella bravely face the camera to be "shot."

Left, this group consisting of Frank Benham, Guest Mary Garrity, Marion Lang, Jim Deneen, June Funkhauser, and Joe Thomas take time out to relax from the festivities.

Left, Paul Strom, Jimmy Smith, Libby Marciniak, Guest Ted Firnek, and Andrew "Scotty" White decided that "people have more fun than anybody" and guffaw to prove their point.

Below, Eileen Nestor, Guest Frank Guerra, Sally Kilcoyne, and Guest Tim O'Donough wandered into the refreshment bar as a result of the "power of suggestion" just looking at the Lake made them thirsty.

Guest Dave Wilson, Guest Ann Frawley, Ann Sheehan, and Guest Bill Cosgrave found this lounge very comfortable when they decided they needed to relax for a few minutes during the trip.



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THE PEOPLES GAS LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

OPTIMISM WINS: America was built by optimists—darn fools who didn't know it couldn't be done. And they did it.

Business men and women are optimists. They start things. They get things done. They see bright futures.

But in recent years there has arisen in America a crowd of pessimists, a radical fringe who are determined to tear down what we have without offering anything workable to take its place. They paint things darkly, flay labor, knock business, sell discouragement, and without any previous experience in running things want to "take over."

Some groups indicated during the war that there would be 55 million jobs within a year after the war. Others had a more pessimistic outlook, predicting that there would be 15 million unemployed by the spring of 1946.

The U. S. Census bureau now says that, in spite of widespread shortages of materials, there were 55,320,000 jobs in May—570,000 more than the wartime peak. So far, at least, the optimists have been right, and for the sake of all of us, we hope they continue to be.

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NEW TERMINOLOGY: In Hawaii, Honolulu, gas men have been dissolving the sediment which collects in their main system with a chemical known as Tetralin. The Hawaiians have a name for the sediment, consisting of naphthalene and other chemicals. They call it "just plain 'GUNK'."

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STREET WORK SERIES—on pages 9, 10, and 11 of this issue we begin the first of two articles on main and service work. Since these pipes are the life lines of our business, employes will benefit from a review of the long range planning involved and the up-to-date methods used in doing that kind of work.

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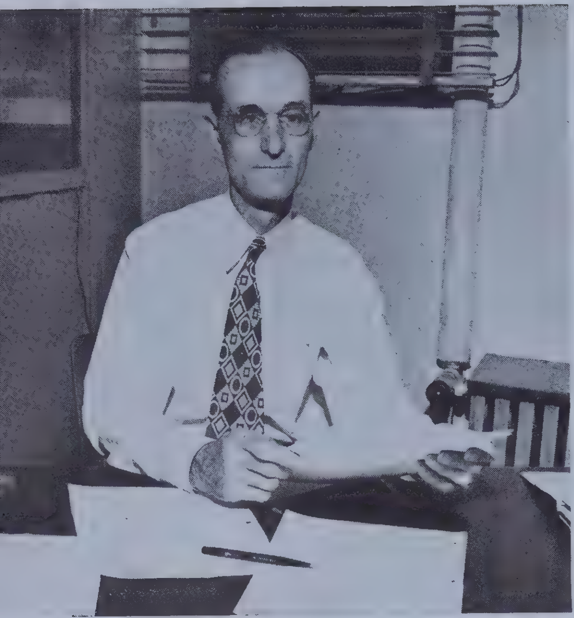
The Cover

OUR COVER picture for this issue presents a view through the spokes of the flywheel which is a part of a gas engine at Crawford Station, 35th Street and Crawford Avenue. The engine is used for pumping gas produced at the station into the two gas holders. The man pictured in the background is, Henry Faxel, an engineman at the Station.

Meet the Crew at the Archives

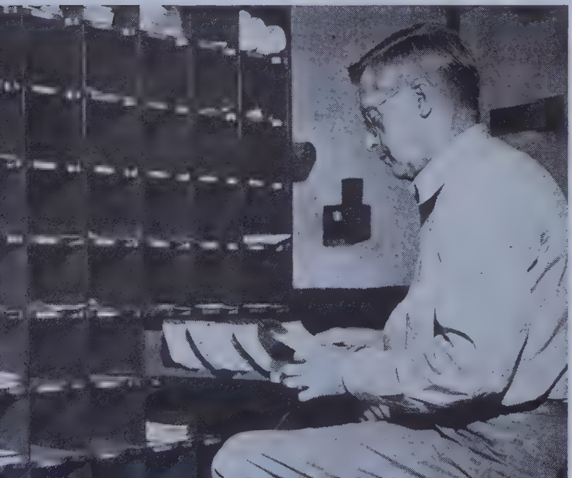
96th St. & Houston Avenue

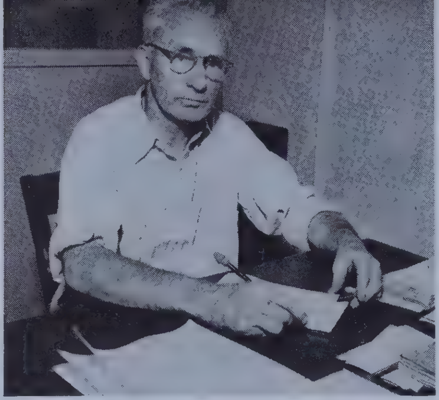


Above is a view of Thomas L. West, Superintendent of the Archives Dept. At the time the picture was taken he was reviewing a certificate of destruction. The latter certifies that certain obsolete records can be destroyed.

John Flanagan was snapped while answering a telephone inquiry from a main office department.

Gustaf Schmit was sorting meter tickets to be later placed in the Meter Life File of the Archives, when the cameraman appeared.





Robert Fitzsimons looked up from his work sufficiently long for the above picture to be taken. At the time he was "writing-up" an inquiry received from another department about an item on file.

In the above picture, Gustaf Schmit was referring to the old Meter Life Book, while Matt. Kramer, in the foreground, was placing a record in the Meter Life File.

Below, Aloysius Slawnikowski, left, and Samuel Bartlett, are preparing a shipment of records for storage in the Archives.

Marshall Curry, above, was entering information on the Archives inventory record.

Hugh Cornyn, pictured in the above photo, was busy filing a cancelled check in the Archives vault.

Not pictured here due to their being away at the time of the cameraman's visit are: Theodore Keane, James Canty, and Bill Raden.

Average Age of Gas Family Is 43 Years; Survey Shows

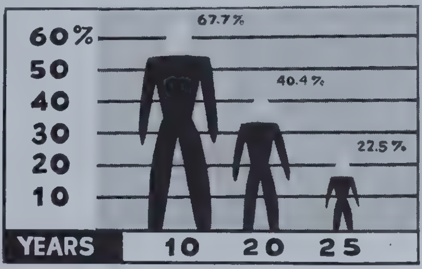
Gas News has published Service Anniversaries in its columns for a good many years, and the few times that a name has been inadvertently omitted we have been notified of the error on the date of issue (in no uncertain terms) by the person involved. In order to save space, we have covered those who have more than 25 years of service, as they occur on five year intervals. For an example, those who appear this month in the 25 year column, will also appear in the 30 year column of the September issue five years hence, and so on every five years, until retirement.

The appearance of old timers in that column gives us an inkling of the fact that a large number of gas men and women have been with the Company for more than a quarter of a century. This leads us into other interesting statistics about members of the gas family, and they are reproduced as follows:

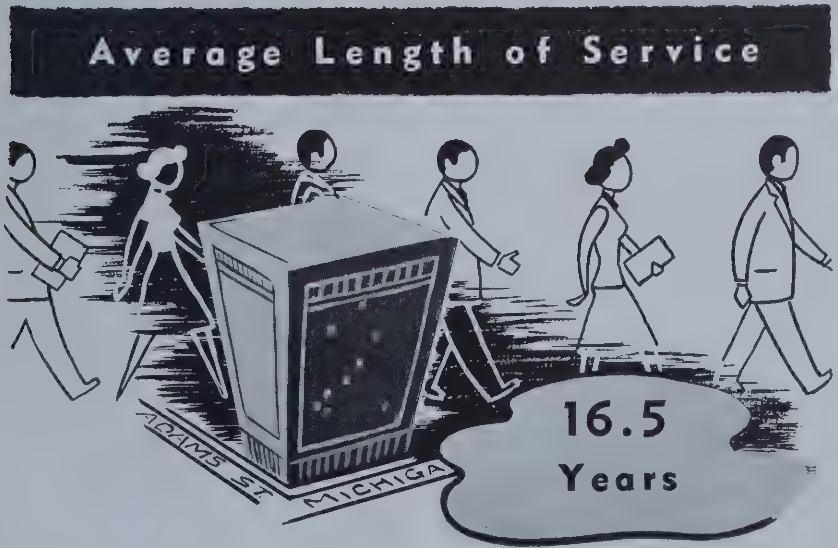
After a check-up, it was discovered that the average age of Gas company employes is 43 years, and the average length of service is 16.5 years.

Thirty-five years or more is a long time to have been with one concern and according to the records 6.6 per cent of all gas men and women have "stuck it out" that long. According to the records the 30-year service mark has been reached by 10.9 per cent of the employes. The quarter century mark is "fixed" on 22.5 per cent of the personnel, while 40.4 per cent of them have been members of the Company for 20 years or more.

Fifty-three and four tenths per cent of the personnel have a service record of 15 years or more, while 67.7 per cent is the figure indicated for those who have worked for the Company for 10 or more years. The greatest percentage of 78.8 have been working for the Company for 5 years or more.



The Claim Department has 18 individuals on its payroll with an average length of service of 33.4 years. The second highest length of service record is held by seven Commercial Sales employes who have worked for the Company 31.9 years. The Customers Department with 48 employes, claims a 25.3 average service record. During this survey the News discovered that the Credit and Collection's 101 employes averaged 23.6 years of service, and that 13 Archives employes averaged 23.4 years of service with the Company.



Men and Women Pin Topplers Begin Season

Bowling continues to be a sport in which many of our employes participate. This year several Company leagues will be toppling pins in various parts of the city.

Girls Have Big League

A girls' league, under the direction of Chairman Evelyn Witt, Customer Accounting, and Secretary Mary Richards, Auditing, consists of 60 girls from various departments. They will welcome anyone else who is interested in joining this 12 team league. The first bowling meet will be held September 13 at Bensingers, 131 South Wabash Avenue, and will continue on each following Friday evening at 6:00 P.M.

Team captains are: Eleanor Sorensen, Florence Lees, and Alice Root, General Accounting; Evelyn Witt, Helen McCullough, Evelyn Ackerman, Eileen Miller, Harriet Monahan, and Irene Granahan, Customer Accounting; Jeanette Ledene, Budget; Janette Libby, Meter Reading; and Ella Harsager, Daily, Dines, White and Fiedler.

Elevator Men to Bowl

The elevator operators' bowling league organized by Chairman Al Matha, twelve seasons ago will again "pit their strength" against the 20 teams of representatives from downtown office buildings. Their first bowling date is set for September 12 and each Thursday thereafter. They will bowl at the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) at Congress and Wabash.

Captains of the teams, number 1—Bruno Jaroch, and number 2—Jack Frick, challenge any company team caring to compete with them.

Shop League Expands

South Shop's league, consisting of eight instead of six teams, will bowl at the Tivoli Bowling Alleys, 6225 Cottage Grove Avenue. Two of the team captains have not yet been selected, but the others are: John Drexel, Mike O'Connell, John Schuldt, Arthur Eustace, Frank Green, and Michael Weir.

Gas Post to Install Officers October 15

New officers of the American Legion Peoples Gas Post #336 will be installed at a dinner and business meeting to be held at the Terrace Garden Casino, Hotel Morrison, at 6 p.m., October 15.

Tentatively, it has been planned to have the newly appointed Commander of the Department of Illinois of the American Legion, William P. Kleuskens, on the program to install the incoming officers. The new officers are Joe Stoesser, commander; Samuel Cohn, senior vice-commander; Edward J. Barrett, junior vice-commander; Albert J. Frendahl, treasurer; Jack Cornelius, chaplain; and Leon Peikes, sergeant-at-arms.

Entertainment will follow the business meeting and Legionnaires and their friends are cordially invited to attend this function.

Club Primaries November 1 to 10

The Primaries for the nomination of the president and other officers of the Peoples Gas Club will be held on November 1. The election will take place on November 22 and all employes of the Company are eligible to take part in the election.

Three Oldtimers On Annuity Roll

Three employes were pensioned in the last two months. Calvin Williams, Crawford, pensioned August 1, was with the Company for 24 years and 3 months. On September 1, two South District employes were added to the annuity roll. They are John Kane, with 42 years and 5 months of service, and John Perich, with 26 years and 2 months of service to his credit.

Kids Learn Cooking Techniques

Above, S. Stoeke, J. Bednar, and D. Nommensen sample sponge cake they learned to make at one of the weekly children's cooking school classes at Irving Park Store. Below, Alfreda Zukowski and Marjorie Hayward make sure each student gets a taste of cake.

Soika Prepares Exhibits For Chemists Exposition

William Soika, Library, has been appointed a member of the Exhibits Committee in connection with the National Chemical Exposition sponsored biennially by the Chicago Section of the American Chemical Society.

William Soika displays one of the several exhibits to be shown at the Exposition.

The Exposition is to be held at the Chicago Coliseum, September 10-14.

The Special Libraries Association, of which Mr. Soika is a member, is sponsoring an exhibit emphasizing industrial, chemical, and biological aspects of the association.

Schaefer New Assistant Supt. of South Station

Norman Schaefer was appointed assistant superintendent South Station as of August 1.

Norman Schaefer

Mr. Schaefer was employed by the Chicago By-Products corporation as a cadet engineer in July, 1929, after he had graduated from the University of Wisconsin in chemical engineering.

In March, 1931, he was made efficiency engineer, and in October, 1936, was promoted to relief general foreman. He held that position at October, 1939, at which time the operation of Crawford Station was taken over by Peoples Gas. In January, 1941, Mr. Schaefer was made general foreman at Crawford Station, a position he held until his latest appointment.

District Shops Plan to Stage Forum Meetings

District shop calendars again indicate that the shops will hold regular forum meetings once a month.

Central Shop plans to hold its first forum in September to elect officers. Meeting days for this shop will be planned independently some time between each meeting.

Forum meetings of North Shop will convene the middle Tuesday of each month. The first meeting is planned for October 15 at which time officers for the year's forums will be elected.

The first South Shop forum meeting is scheduled for the last Tuesday in September when officers will be elected to reign throughout the year. Following meetings will be held the last Tuesday in each succeeding month.

Employe Students Offered Tuition Refund

Employes who wish to avail themselves of the tuition refund plan offered by the Company are urged to visit the Employe Relations, Room 721.

Those who enroll in schools for courses connected with their work and approved by their superintendents will be eligible for tuition refunds provided they satisfactorily complete their courses.

The total amount of refund in each case is limited to $50 a year.

Gas Ads

Will trade: Furnished apartment at 64th and Kenwood for flat on west or northwest side. Call Michigan 6464, George Marker.

For Sale: Set of 7 left handed matched ladies' golf clubs and bag. Call local 814.

Lot for Sale: North Lake Village 60′ x 125′—Call Wellington 7364

Wanted: 3-4-5 room apartment; west, north or northwest for employe, wife and 15 month old daughter. Call Ardmore 1897

For Rent: Small orchestra available for meetings, parties, weddings, etc., Call Local 2223, or Radcliffe 7868 after 7 p.m.

August Suggestion Activities Bring $100 in Cash Awards

During the month of August, $100 was awarded to suggesters who submitted suggestions to the Suggestion Committee for review.

William Kelsey, Customers, was the recipient of $15 last month. He suggested marking 60 day account bills immediately when it was discovered that those bills had not formerly been marked in that manner.

Joseph McNerney and Aloysius Nona cooperated together and submitted an idea to the Suggestion Committee which netted them a $10 suggestion award. Their idea concerned the revision of daily work reports used in their own department, the Customer Accounting.

Six other men came through with thoughts which netted them $10 each for their ideas. They were James Scola, Central District; William Meyer, Credit and Collection; William Higgins, General Accounting; John Lis, Customer Accounting; and Harold Witkop and Millard Keller, Stores-Warehouse.

Five dollar awards were given to Ellis Butler, 64th Street Distribution Station; John Noble, Meter Reading; Bertle Johnson, Credit and Collection; James Radcliffe, North District; Harold Rubly, General Accounting; Jacob Gruca, 22nd street Station; and Philip Corrigan, Customers.

The following list of suggestion coupon numbers were acted upon at a Suggestion Committee Meeting held August 14. Employes holding one or more of the numbers listed are requested to send in the corresponding coupons just as soon as possible.

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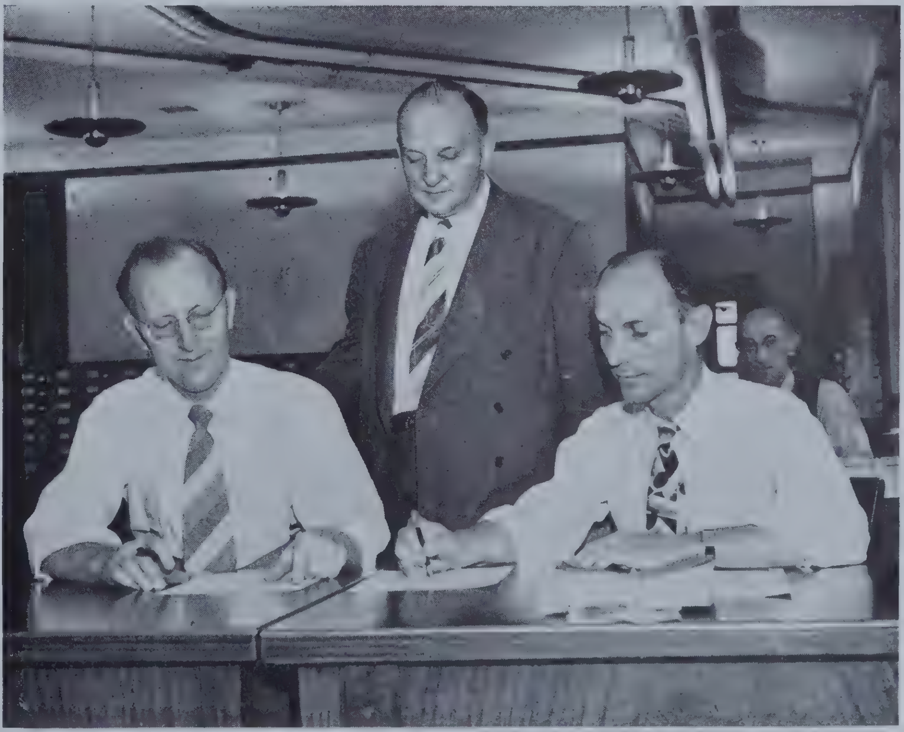

Above, Albert Haake listens to Joe McNerney and Aloysius Nona explain the changes they incorporated in the daily work reports. For their joint idea they received a $10 suggestion award.

Service Anniversaries During August, 1946

40 YEARS
Lynn, John . . . . North District
Tilsner, Ferdinand Otto
. . . . Architect & Dealer

30 YEARS
Jacobson, Norman Wesley
. . . . Division Street Sta.
Madiol, George J. P.
. . . . General Accounting
McMullan, John M.
. . . . Property Accounting
Roche, John B. . . . . . Customers' Order

25 YEARS
Alexander, Charles H.
. . . . Warehouse Building
Amedro, Val. . . . . . . Crawford Station
Bucher, Edmund V. G.
. . . . Crawford Station
Chisenhall, Jesse C.
. . . . Crawford Station
Durfey, George J. . . . Crawford Station
Jackson, Leon C. . . . . Crawford Station
Keller, Ambrose. . . . Crawford Station
Larson, Carl W. . . . . Crawford Station
Locke, Charles R. . . . Crawford Station
Martin, Harry. . . . . . Crawford Station
MacKenzie, Walter C.
. . . . Crawford Station
Mackey, Terance F. . . . . North Station
Messa, Louis. . . . . . . Crawford Station
Millin, Samuel J. . . . Crawford Station
Nicholas, Charles. . . Crawford Station
O'Neill, Edward J. . . Crawford Station
O'Shea, William. . . . . . . South Station
Parker, Stewart C. . . . Industrial Sales
Pasternak, George. . . Crawford Station
Pasternak, John. . . . . Crawford Station
Prochaska, Helen Anna
. . . . Customer Accounting
Seng, John J. . . . . North District
Simmons, John. . . . . Crawford Station
Skorcz, John V. . . . . Crawford Station
Sullivan, James J. . . Crawford Station
Wiedenbeck, Harry J.
. . . . Crawford Station
Williamson, John A. . . . North District

Meter Reader Donnelly Gets No Response

The life of a meter reader is seldom dull. Most of them, when in a reflective mood, can tell stories of their experiences which sound like a dime novel.

Take, for example, the case of Frederic Donnelly, who has been working after school as a meter reader. He entered a basement on Belmont Avenue one morning recently, and noticed a man lying on the floor. He yelled "gas man," but there was no evident response. He rushed for help, but no one he met would return with him. He finally located a policeman who made an examination and discovered that the man was dead.

108th Engineers Stage Reunion October 19

Members of the 108th Engineers, that is, those who served with the old National Guard outfit in Company "A", or Headquarters and Service Company, are staging a "reunion." It'll be held on October 19, at the Armory located at 3401 Wentworth Avenue. The arrangements committee has planned a program, which includes refreshments. There will be no admission charge.

Scribes' Contest Winner is George Burns

The departmental column written by George Burns, Meter Shop, took top honors in the scribes' contest for the month of September.

The decision was made by judges William Hutterly, editor, "Centralite," Central Screw Company, and Charles Swearingen, editor, "Bakers' Helper," Bakers' Helper Company.

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LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

The pocket sized magazine family has recently acquired another member in the new format of domestic commerce, the monthly publication of the Department of Commerce, which you might like to see in its new and improved dress. This magazine carries timely news on problems that face business today, marketing information on numerous business activities, economic surveys and trends, new products being designed for consumer use, and reports progress and changing conditions of industry and business.

In this day of necessary minor improvements on the old homestead, you may find some helpful suggestions in the little book care and repair of the house, by Vincent B. Phelan, which may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents for twenty cents. It brings together in handy form explicit directions for dealing with household problems. Failure to make repairs promptly may lead to deterioration in important parts of the structure, and finally entail large expense.

Our June brides have been buying cookbooks of every title and description, and we hope that some delectable concoctions have been stirred up by this time. It is interesting to note that it was in 1896 that "The Boston Cooking School Cook-Book" first appeared. That this book should have had so much influence on American dinner tables for the last fifty years is one of the curiosities of the publishing business. "Fanny," as the book is affectionately called by millions of women, is the world's best selling cookbook. It is also the oldest cookbook in America still in print, and one of the all-time best sellers. Printings to date have totaled 2,461,000. In the '90's the only cookbooks available were little volumes of recipes mentioning as ingredients, "butter the size of an egg" and "heaping tablespoons." The greatest contribution of The Boston Cooking School Cookbook was that it introduced the principle of uniform accurate measurements in preparing food. Miss Farmer has been called "the mother of level measurements."

Men's Party To Sparkle With All Star Acts

Phil D'Ray, the well known ventriloquist, will keep the boys amused on September 26.

The Club entertainment committee has cooked up quite a dish of entertainment for the Annual Men's Party, to be held in the Mural Room of the Morrison Hotel, on Thursday evening September 26. Advance indications are that the event will be well worth attending.

Jess Olson, Chairman of Entertainment, who has been working hand in hand with Co-chairman Chris. Poppelreiter and James Broderick of the Men's Committee, have scheduled five acts that are the cream of the current entertainment crop. There will also be card playing, and they haven't forgotten the refreshments, either.

The party goers will see such headliners as the Burtell Sisters, those darlings of the dance; Bill Baird, "The Magnificent Fraud;" Benny Sharp and his band; Edith Elasho, a songstress the boys will long remember; and Phil D'Ray, a top-bracket ventriloquist.

The line forms to the right at the main Floor Treasury window for tickets, but you can save time by buying your ducat to the affair from your departmental representative at 40c per copy.

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ANNUAL MEN'S PARTY
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Above, James Broderick and Jess Olson put finishing touches on the men's party bulletin board which displays the outstanding features of the coming event.

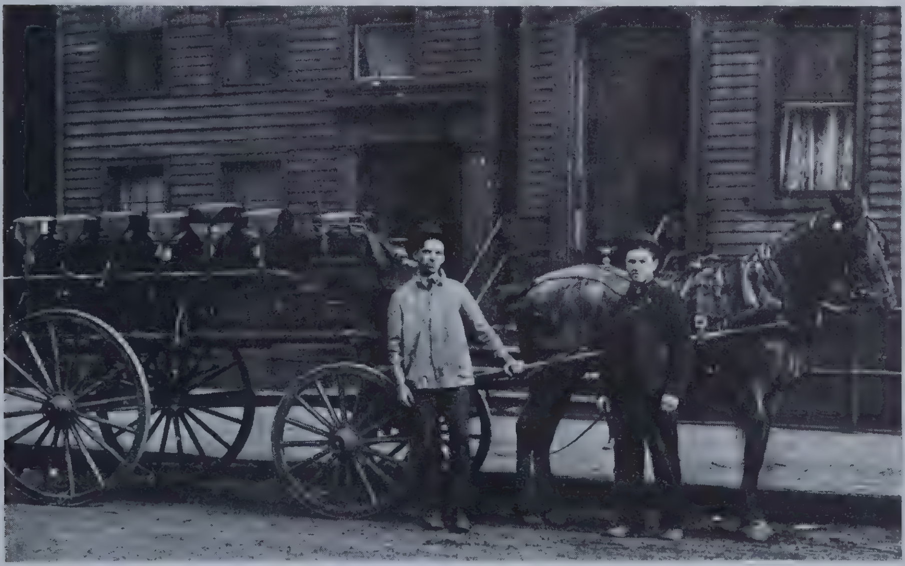
One of the five all star entertainers booked for the party is Bill Baird, "The Magnificent Fraud," a superb manipulator.

This Was A Meter Truck In The "Good Old Days"

In the old days, before the automobile age, the Gas Company used horse-drawn meter setting wagons to take meters to homes and business establishments where they were to be installed. This type of wagon was used for about six years.

The picture below, taken in 1904 at Desplaines and Grand Avenues, shows the "outfit" ready to go to work. The man to the right is Matthew Riley whose service dates back 45 years. His father worked as a switchboard operator at Central for 30 years. Mr. Riley spent his first 30 years with the "gas house gang" at Central District, and then put in an additional 15 years as an outside claim inspector in the Claim Department.

The man on the left is Edward Cummings, deceased, who was employed by the Company for over 20 years. At the time of his death he was an inspector at Central District.



GAS around the World

BY WILLIAM HELME

HIGH-SPEED GAS HEATING—This type of operation includes bringing a 1-inch dia. steel bar from cold to hardening temperature in 90 seconds, or even faster; and to forging temperature in 2 min. or better; to bringing a strip of steel 0.020 in. thick from room temperature to annealing temperature in about one second; and to supplying similar heating rates to other materials, such as copper, brass or even non-metallic products, such as paper. The application of gas heat to the printing industry has revolutionized printing and has made possible today's news magazines, in full color, with the speed of the newspaper "extra." This development of ink drying on the press started in a small way only a few short years ago. It was first applied to the fastest rotary magazine presses then available operating at a speed of 350 feet per minute, a speed which is today considered inconsistent with requirements.

PLASTIC SERVICE PIPE—With the present shortage of steel and the increased demand for gas, the eyes of the gas world are wistfully cast in the direction of Southern California, where the use of plastic pipe for gas services is a recent innovation.

DID YOU HEAR—About the old lady in the Georgetown section of Washington who piled bricks on top of her gas meter for years under the weird impression that it slowed down the recording mechanism? Or about the bride in Rochester, N. Y. some years ago, who complained that her Servel was making ice cubes "too fast" because she thought she had to remove the trays as fast as the ice cubes were formed? Then there's the story of the nice but lonesome old man in Baltimore who insisted on the meter reader having a hot sandwich and coffee every trip—an event he prepared for with almost religious expectation. Perhaps you too, have an amusing story about our business, if so, send it in—and we can all get a laugh out of it. This column will be glad to tell it so that others might enjoy it.

Annuitants Receive Full Insurance at Retirement

EFFECTIVE AS of August 16, of this year, annuitants will receive the amount of gift insurance which was in effect at the time of their retirement. The change applies to all old timers presently on the annuity roll who are covered by the Company Group Life Insurance Plan. It also applies to those who will be retired hereafter.

In all cases where the period of service was six or more years, the amount of insurance will be $1,500. Prior to the recent change, the amount of gift insurance to retired employes was limited to $500.

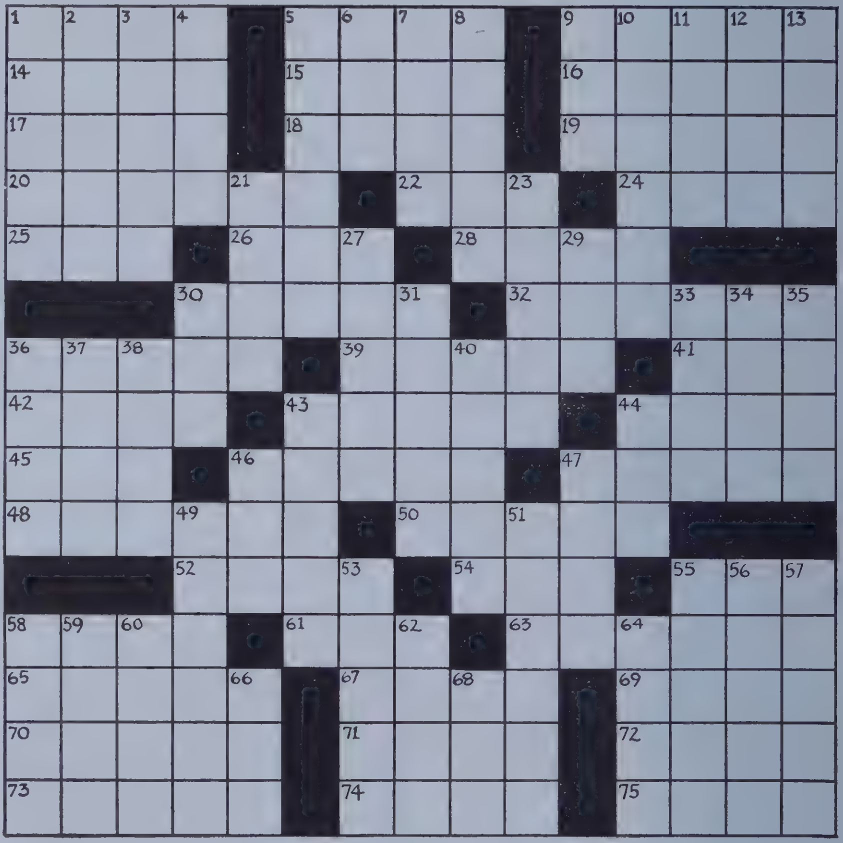
According to a letter dated August 15, from Chairman G. A. Ranney, announcing the change, all other provisions of the Plan continue in effect.

Modzikowski is Legion Convention Delegate

STANLEY MODZIKOWSKI, Testing, was elected delegate to represent the Department of Illinois at the National Convention of the American Legion.

The Convention is scheduled for September 30 and October 1, 2, 3, and 4 and will be held at San Francisco, California. Stanley is a past commander of the Post and chairman of entertainment and publicity.

Gas-Word Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Gas pipe
5. Statement of charges for gas consumed
9. Part of building
14. Sea eagle
15. Operatic melody
16. Arabian gazelle
17. Indian weight
18. Retained
19. Water vapor
20. Appear
22. Pronoun
24. Annoys
25. Rodent
26. Sin
28. Gas pipe fittings
30. That which mitigates
32. Reveal
36. Writing material
39. Laid gas mains or services
41. Female deer
42. Russian mountains
43. Gaseous substance
44. Fish
45. Male adults
46. Stratum
47. Carries
48. Hue
50. Repulse
52. Own
54. Sol
55. Aeriform fluid
58. Rodents
61. Period of time
63. Severe reply
65. Worship
67. Heating chamber
69. Great lake
70. Mud
71. Painful
72. Relieve
73. Voice range
74. Jug
75. Winter vehicle

DOWN

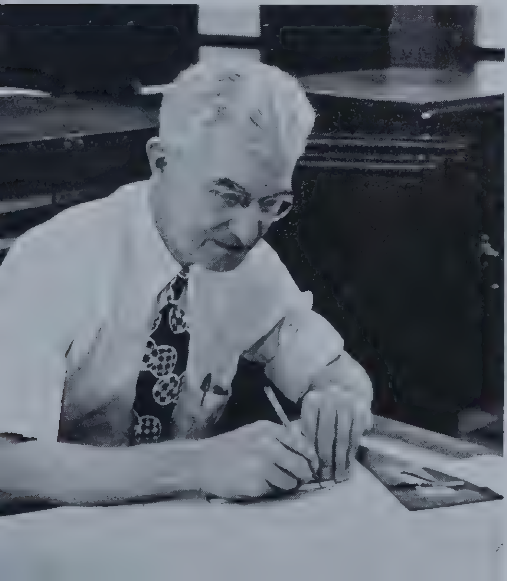
1. Gas measuring instrument
2. Fragrance
3. Type of gas valve
4. Adjacent
5. Business men dependent upon gas
6. Anger
7. Part of face
8. Machine for turning
9. Utility's product
10. Gifted painter
11. Coffin
12. Escaping gas
13. Trees
21. Cogwheel
23. Older
27. Pay back
29. Directed
30. Fish
31. More mature
33. Prepare for publication
34. Gas by-product
35. Gas pipe fittings
36. Eject gas into the streets
37. Surface
38. Kitchen utensils
40. Reflect deeply
43. Gas flow regulator
44. Metallic vessel
46. Meadow
47. Musical sound
49. Prefix meaning "heat"
51. Gas fixture
53. Worn away
55. Species of goat
56. Ascend
57. Spirited horse
58. Long pole
59. Unoccupied
60. Piece of money
62. Acknowledge
64. T-shaped fittings
66. Ever (Poet.)
68. Before (Poet.)

The preliminary survey takes place right at the spot where the main is to be laid. The engineer in the picture at left, Al Canar, is shown recording measurements and making observations needed for drawing the plans.

Gas Mains Go Underground

In the upper photo, Henry Giblin and Victor Bittner of the Engineering Department, are pictured discussing the possible location of a main in a south side parkway. After studying the gas supply survey, the decision as to the location is made.

Edward Sturmer, below, is pictured making a drawing of the proposed main location, for the reverse side of the work order. He also enters a temporary record of the proposed main location on the Drafting Section's street map.



SINCE the year 1849, when gas mains were hollowed out of logs and placed in the streets of Chicago for the first time, most of the main laying by the gas company has been done to keep in step with the city's growth. Today there are more than 3600 miles of gas mains underground, and because the city is still growing, more mains are being laid to serve new and prospective customers.

Chicago's growth, however, is not the only reason for new supply installations. The Company does much long range planning which requires changes or replacements in advance of new street or highway paving, subways, superhighways, sewers, and other public improvements by the city, the county, or the State. Also (in normal times), it makes extensions, or increases the supply to areas with large space heating demands and large commercial or industrial customers. In addition, replacements must be made when certain sections of pipe become old, badly rusted, leaking, or because of obsolenscence.

From the foregoing, it can be assumed that main laying involves considerable advance planning before the pipe is delivered to the scene of operations. In fact several departments are involved in the "paper work" before final approval is given to proceed.

The original request for additional main capacity can come from the Customers Order, Domestic Sales, Commercial Sales, Industrial Sales, or from the Engineering Department. Also the Distribution Department, which meets regularly with the Board of Underground Work of Public Utilities of Chicago, initiates requests for main work made necessary by highway and sewer extensions and similar public improvements.

Several copies of the original order for new gas main installations are made, and one is sent to each of the following: The Engineering Department, which estimates the costs, and in its planning specifies among other things the size and the location of the main; the Budget Department, which records the expense involved; the Purchasing Department, which orders the materials required; the Stores Department, which receives the pipe and accessories and stores it until needed; the Drafting Section of the Engineering Department, which enters the works on its maps; the Property and Tax Accounting, which maintains an account of all property and tax evaluations; the General Accounting which handles the invoices for payment; and the Distribution Department, which is involved with the actual main laying work.

After checking the Drafting Section maps, an engineer, trained in gas supply survey work, makes a visit to the proposed site of installations. He then determines the most suitable location for the pipe, taking into consideration

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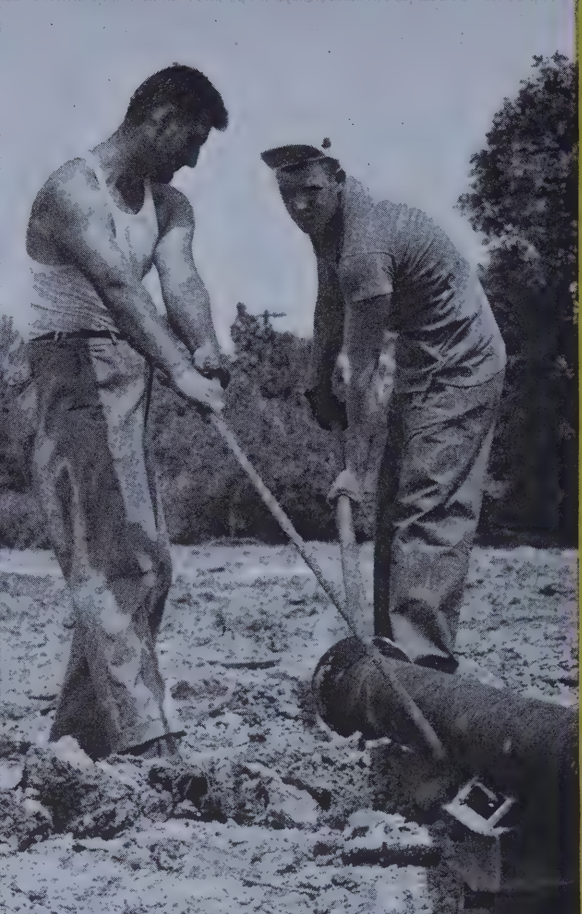


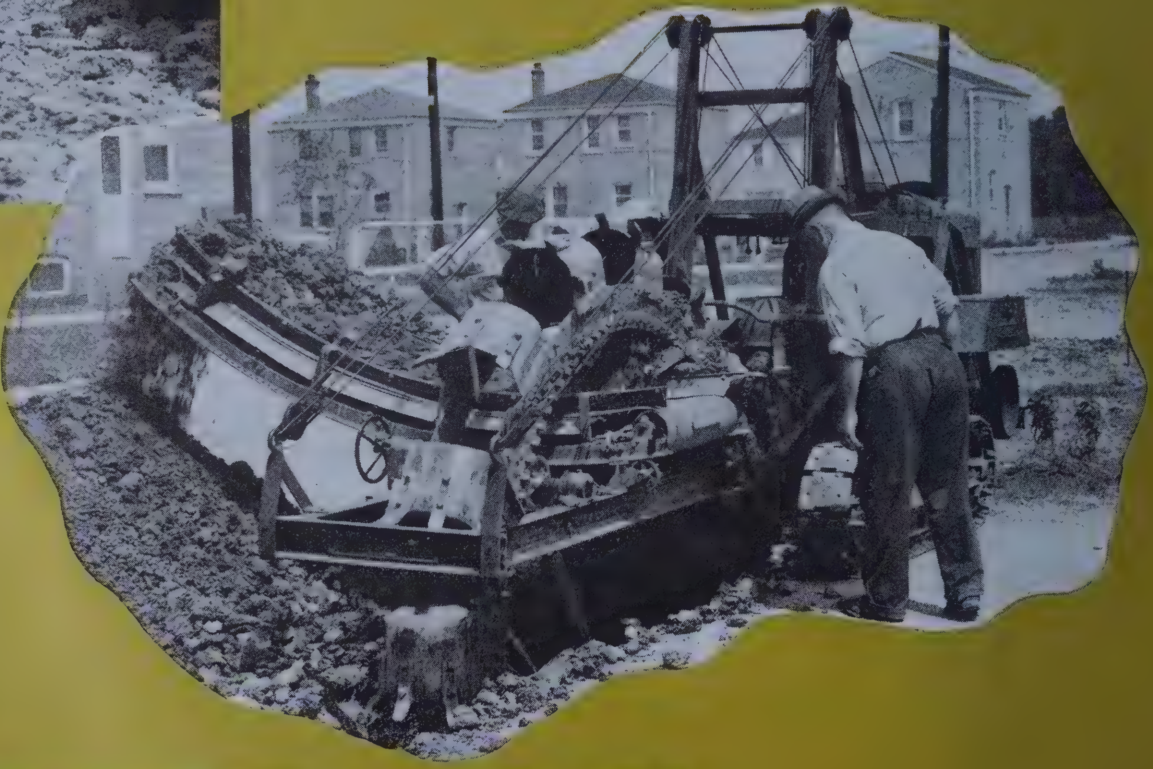
such details as the location of other utilities' pipes or lines, sewers, water mains, light and phone poles, curbings, and other possible obstructions. He checks the block measurements, the length of main and service pipe needed, the amount of sidewalk or street repaving necessary, and related details. All of this information, together with the location of buildings in the block, is recorded for the purpose of obtaining accurate cost estimates, and the development of good drawings and plans.

At the District Shop office, the proposed work is entered in the district's street map ledger, and the job is recorded on the District's work schedule. A general street foreman, who controls the work in a certain area of the district, visits the location on his daily "rounds." He determines the number of men, as well as the kind and the amount of tools and equipment he will need for the job.

On a certain specified day, truckloads of pipe appear at the scene; tools and equipment are delivered and made ready. The exact location of the main is measured off from information on the work order. The digging machine, a huge earth-eating mastodon, chews a smooth, straight, and narrow ditchway, four to six feet deep. Then the main laying crew takes over, lowering each piece of pipe by means of a rope, into the ditch.

The pieces of pipe are fastened together with a "bell and spigot" joint, into which is inserted a rubber expansion unit (pictured at right). As the bolts are tightened in this unit, the rubber gasket expands and seals the pipe ends, making a gas tight connection.

In some places the main crew must tunnel under various objects, such as sewers, sidewalks, pavements, and often much hand digging is required. Back filling is done most often by large mechanical back-fillers (pictured at right). After the main is tested for tightness, it is connected to a gas supply, and that area is ready for service.



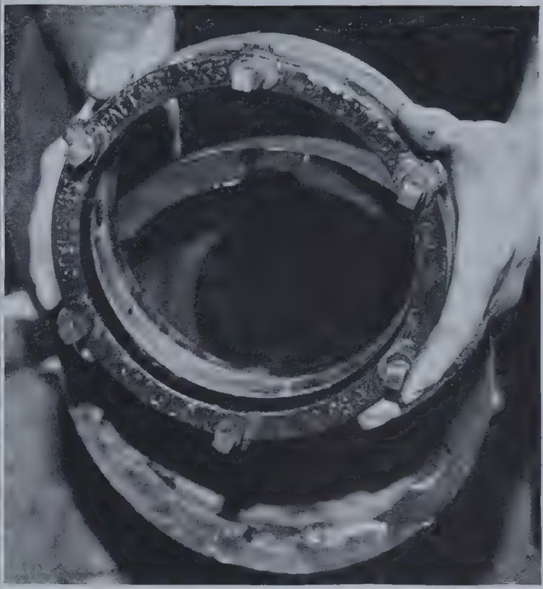
The men above are pulling the pipe into position before the digging machine arrives. They are Stanley Waclawik, and Eddie Propat, of South District.

In the jagged oval, the digging machine operator Art Knabe keeps the contraption at an even keel, while Foreman John Kane observes the machine's progress.

Before the digger begins, and during its progress, part of the crew check measurements. The upright bars in the picture are used as a guide by the digging machine operator. At left is Edward Ewart; at right, Stanley Waclawik.

Above, the main laying crew under John Kane, at South District, lowers another section of pipe. Handling the bucket is Fiore Menconi. With rope is Joseph Hepko. Holding the "bat" is Edward Ewart. With the end rope is Stanley Waclawik. In the ditch at the far end are Ed. Kennedy and Pat Finnegan.

Below, is another view of the lowering operation with the same crew.



Above is a close-up view of the expansion coupling which seals the pipe ends.

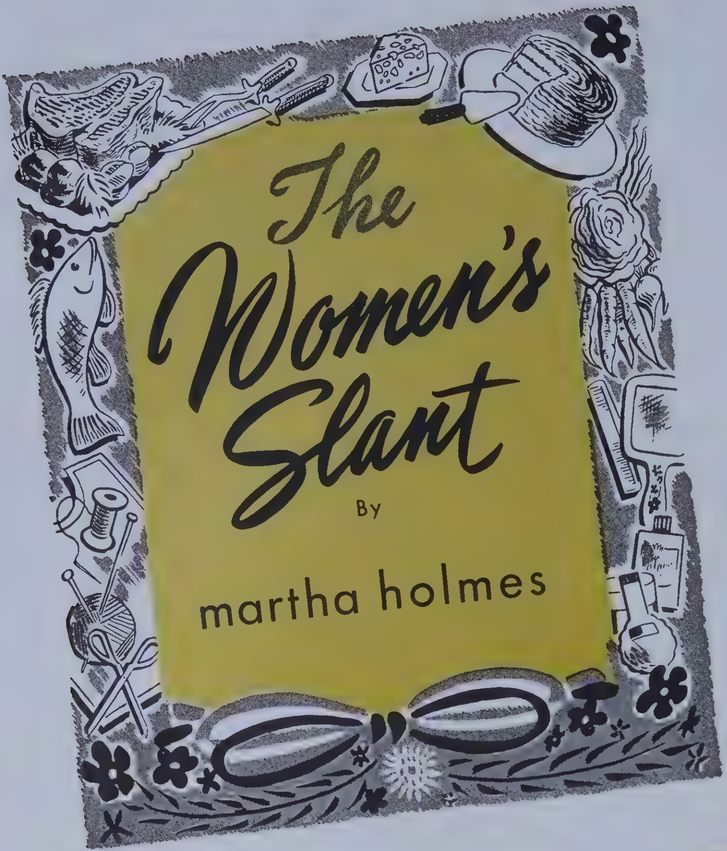
The back-filling machine shown above puts the earth back in place.

In the District Shop office, Edward Barrett is pictured making a temporary entry of the proposed main in the District's street map. After the job is completed, a draftsman draws in the lines representing the completed work.

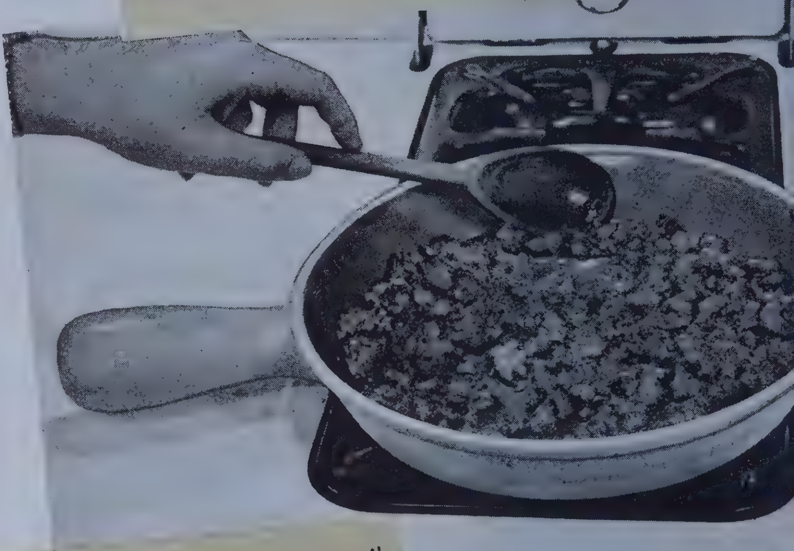
The Women's Slant

By

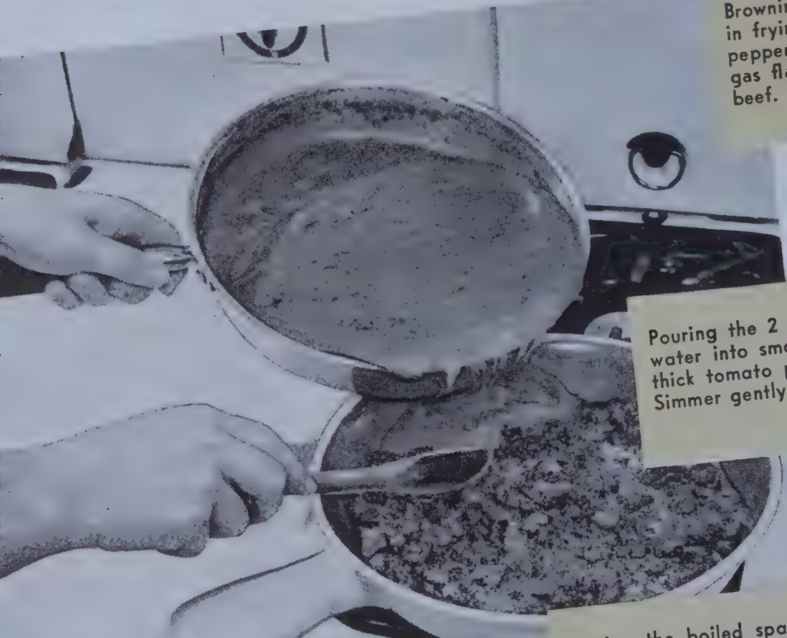
martha holmes



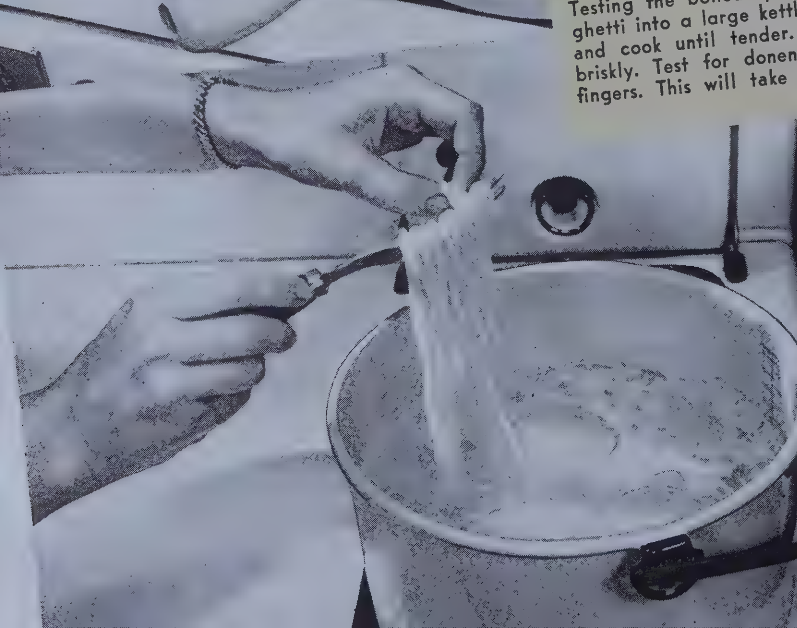
Treat the family with Italian Spaghetti. It makes a delicious supper for a cool autumn evening. What's more, this is a wonderful way to make a small amount of meat feed a whole family.



Browning the meat in Frying Pan—Heat 3 Tb. oil in frying pan. Add 1 clove of garlic, 4 T. green pepper, 1 onion, all finely chopped. Cook on low gas flame for 5 minutes. Add 1 pound chopped beef. Mix well and cook slowly until brown. This should be stirred occasionally.



Pouring the 2 sauces together—Stir 1 c. boiling water into small can of tomato paste and 1 c. thick tomato puree. Add to the browned meat. Simmer gently 1 hour and add the seasonings the last 15 minutes.



Testing the boiled spaghetti—Drop broken spaghetti into a large kettle of boiling salted water and cook until tender. Keep the water boiling briskly. Test for doneness by pinching between fingers. This will take about 25 minutes. Drain.

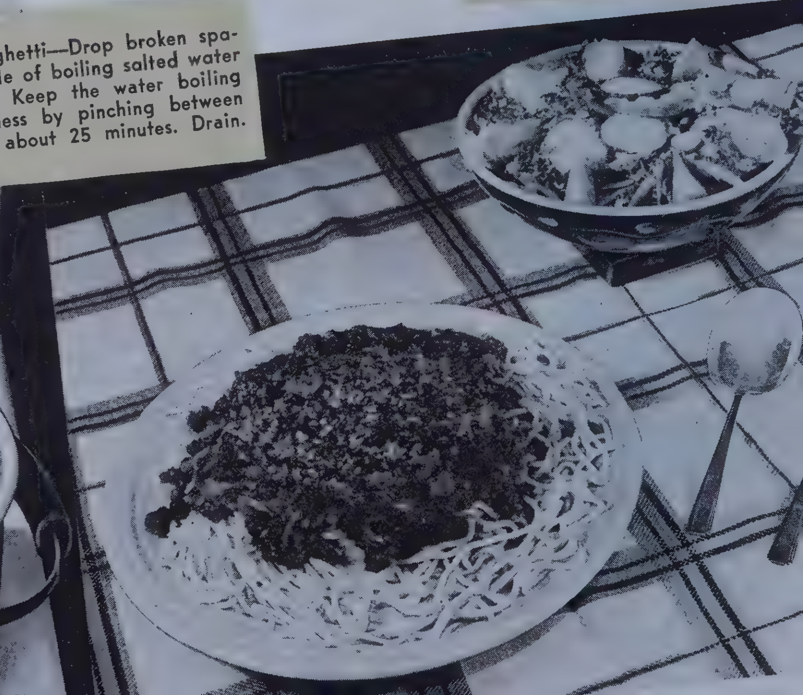


Table setup with Spaghetti and salad—Arrange the cooked spaghetti on a platter with the sauce poured over the top. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Served with a crisp green salad and Italian style bread, this spaghetti is a meal in itself.

Back on the Job

After Serving with Uncle Sam

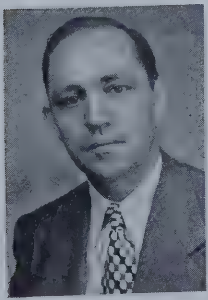
Jeanne McLaughlin, Customer Accounting, is wearing what she pleases when she pleases now that she has been released from the Navy as a petty officer third class after serving her country for 18 months.

Jeanne McLaughlin

Jeanne thinks very highly of the service and is extremely glad that she enlisted to replace fighting men at several naval air stations.

Jeanne's work had to do with officers' records at navigation schools, and as a consequence she was able to do a lot of flying—a way of traveling which she enjoys tremendously.

One of the first Peoples Gas employes to enter service was *Robert L. Ingeman,* who returned to the Company as a lieutenant colonel after serving just short of five years in the Army. He was promoted to the Apartment House Section, Domestic Sales, when he returned.



Robert L. Ingeman

Bob spent 35 months in Australia and New Guinea, and received a bronze star for work connected with the Philippine campaign. He was also awarded an American commendation ribbon for exceptional handling of duties connected with supplies.

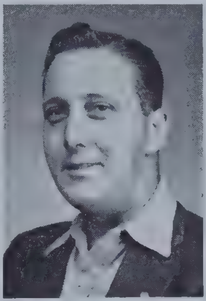
Walter Brewer, Customer Accounting Department, was a radioman, second class, when he was discharged from the Navy after serving his country for approximately two and one half years.

Walter Brewer

He spent a great deal of his time stationed in Florida where he was attached to an amphibious unit.

Walt attended classes at the University of Wisconsin and Ft. Pierce, Florida. At the latter place he had his share of sandflys and mosquitoes and was on watch during a couple of hurricanes, the memories of which he would rather forget.

Lawrence Ebbert was classified as a technician fifth grade when he was honorably discharged from the Army after serving his country for 28 months.



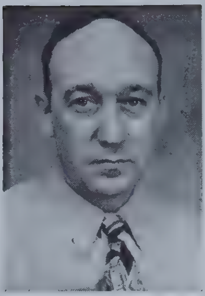
Lawrence Ebbert

He then returned to his place in the Credit and Collection Department.

Lawrence was attached to the engineers corps building pontoon bridges during his 20 months in New Guinea, Leyte, and Luzon.

He says building the bridge across the Pasig River to Manila while they were under enemy fire was perhaps his most harrowing experience.

Ralph Zahringer was a member of the military police during three years of the 44 months he was in service overseas.



Ralph Zahringer

As an Army corporal he was stationed in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany and has some interesting experiences to remember.

When he rejoined his coworkers at the Company he was promoted from the Bill Delivery to the Customers Order Department.

John Smit was transferred from the Archives to the Customer Accounting Department when he returned to the Company after being on military leave for over three years.

John Smit

Twenty - two months of John's Army service, during which time he became a staff sergeant, was spent in Hawaii, Guam, Oka Shima, Ie Shima, Okinawa, Ceba, and Japan. His most outstanding experience is the talk he had with Ernie Pyle just 20 minutes before he was killed.

Norbert Ulbrich, Customer Accounting Department, spent almost four years in the United States Coast Guard, and then settled down to civilian routine once more.

Norbert Ulbrich

At the time of Norbert's release from the Coast Guard he was a machinist's mate, first class and had spent 14 months in the Aleutians.

His duties, for which he was fitted by a course he took in amphibious diesel engines at General Motors Institute, Flint, Michigan, had to do with maintaining the machinery in the ship to which he was attached, an assignment he found interesting.

Henry Hoffman was promoted from the Chicago By-Products Corporation to the Apartment House Section when he re-

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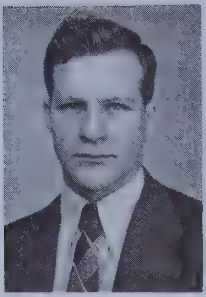
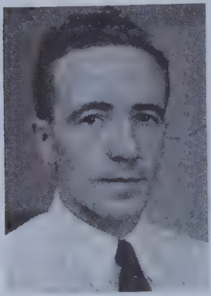

Henry Hoffman

sumed employment with the Company after spending three years in the Army.

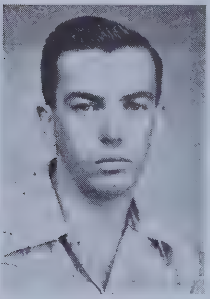
Henry was a corporal assigned to work in an anti-aircraft unit and spent 32 months in the Philippines, Okinawa, Hawaii, and Baker Island.

ROLLING OUT of the "sack" is easier these days for *Walter Wallace,* Customers Order, than it was during the 52 months he was in the Army.


Walter Wallace

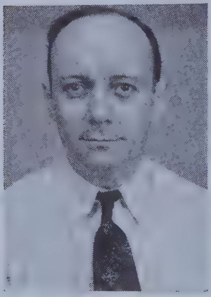
Walter, as a technical sergeant, was attached to an Air Corps finance unit in which his work was connected with the payroll. He spent 28 months overseas in England, Africa, Sicily, Italy, and India.

John Golden, Credit and Collection, welcomed the duties of a mere civilian when he was released from the Army as a technician fourth grade.


John Golden

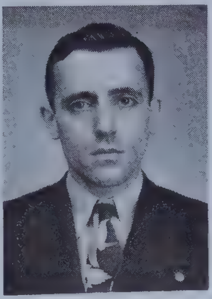
John was a member of the Army almost three years. Fourteen months of this time was spent on duty in Scotland, England, Belgium, France, and Germany. He was attached to a rifle company.

James Carr, Customers Order Department, was "wedded" to the Army for approximately two years before he was discharged from service as a technician fifth grade.


James Carr

Jim spent 17 of these months with an anti tank unit in which he had charge of the guns used in his unit while they were in England, France, Germany, and Belgium.

WHEN *Warren Neiman* returned to the Company after spending approximately five years in the Army he was re-located in the Customers Department.

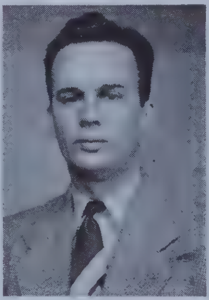

Warren Neiman

Warren was a member of Company A, 108th Engineers, Illinois National Guard, before and after it was placed in Federal service.

At the termination of his service, Warren wore a major's oak leaf cluster.

Warren was in charge of the G4 supply section and spent six and one-half months overseas stationed in Manila and Japan.

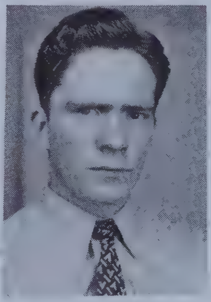
James Johns, Mail Receiving, did not get overseas while he was on military leave from the Company but he did spend 33 months in the Army. He was released as a corporal in the air corps.


James Johns

After attending radar school and becoming a radar repair man he was sent on a training cruise to Havana, Cuba, where he spent a memorable two days.

At the time of his return, his outfit was "marking time" for 11 B-17's which were to fly them overseas. However, the war ended, and they traveled no further after that.

ALTHOUGH *Joseph Schneider,* recently returned to the Customer Accounting Department, was land based most of his two years in the Navy, he did spend two and one half months on coast guard duty. This assignment was one he enjoyed immensely.


Joseph Schneider

As a seaman first class, he was a truck driver and master at arms before he was sent to officers school, in Connecticut. He was undergoing instruction there when the war ended and he was given an honorable discharge. He was then released to return to his civilian duties.

GOLD BRAID no longer causes *Marie Streit* to "snap to 'tention" now that she is no longer a member of the Waves.

Marie Streit

Upon her return to the Company, after being on a military leave for 32 months, she was again assigned to the Property Accounting Department.

When Marie left the service, she had become a storekeeper second class, performing office and accounting work.

After completing her training she was sent to an air station where she was based for two years. Marie said she enjoyed her work very much and she thought her Navy experience was wonderful but three years of it was enough.

CIVILIAN DUTIES have again been gladly accepted by *August Goldschmidt,* Customers Order Department, since he was honorably discharged from the Navy after spending 22 months in that branch of the service.

August Goldschmidt

During that time he received amphibious training at Battle Creek, Virginia, where he finished with the rating of fireman, first class.

He spent five months at the Glenview Naval Air Station guarding German prisoners of war. He says this assignment was most interesting and the prisoners were very orderly.

Wesley Taeterow was promoted from the Bill Delivery Department to the Customers Order Department when he resumed his place in the Company after spending about two years in the Army.

Wesley Taeterow

Wesley, a private first class, spent about 16 months in Italy, France, Germany, Austria, and England.

At the time of his release he had a Purple Heart for a shrapnel wound received at St. Die, France.

The "ups and downs" of *Alexander Thorselius,* Peoples Gas Building, have again resumed their normal place in his life since his return to the Company as an elevator operator after spending 28 months in the Army.

Alexander Thorselius

Alex was attached to an engineers division as a private first class, and during 22 months saw service in England, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands.

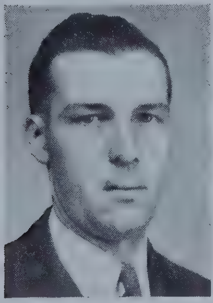
The status of *Cyril Race* has been changed from radarman, second class, to Customers Department trainee since his return to the Company after spending 22 months in the Navy. He was formerly a member of the Customers Order Department.

Cyril Race

Cyril "got around" to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Aniwetok, Guam, Saipan, Tinai, Okinawa, and Japan during the 11 months he spent overseas.

He states his first trip in a sea-going tug during a hurricane was "no joke," and he was certainly glad when it was all over and he and his mates could settle down on tranquil waters.

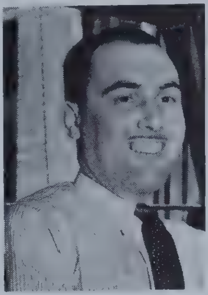
When *Charles Burke,* Central Dispatch, returned to the Company after spending four years in the Army he was transferred from South Shop to his present position.


Charles Burke

At the time of his release he was a first lieutenant who had journeyed to England, France, Germany, the Southwest Pacific, and the Philippines. He was attached to a cavalry division.

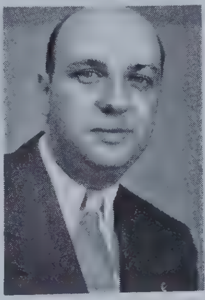
Charles was awarded a purple heart for wounds received at St. Lo, France, when direct shell fire hit his armored car.

During his five years of active sea duty in the Navy, *Jack Cornelius,* a trainee of the Customers Department, saw quite extensive service on three different destroyers.


Jack Cornelius

As an ensign, Jack shipped to the Admiralties, Marshalls, Gilberts, Carolinas, Philippines, Mariannas, and Aleutians, as well as Hawaii, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, New Guinea, New Britain, Palau, Iwo Jima, Bonin, and Japan.

During the three and one half years, *Frank Izzo,* Customers Order Department, served his country as a member of the Army he advanced to a technician, fourth grade.


Frank Izzo

Frank spent about 28 months overseas where he journeyed to Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, the Admiralties, and the Marshalls.

He was attached to an engineers supply depot, from which he was sent up to the combat divisions with the supplies the fighting men needed.

With five years of Army experience behind him *Edward Guzialek* returned to the Company and was placed at Central District.

Edward Guzialek

Ed was a corporal in Company A, the 108th engineers, before it was placed in Federal service.

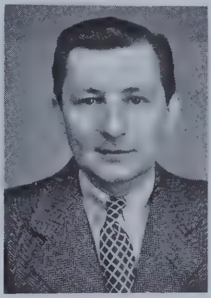
During the three years he spent with the infantry he was sent to Australia, New Guinea, Palau, Moratai, and the Philippines. His principal weapons were a rifle and machine gun.

A "marine has landed" back in the Gas Building Department in the form of *Leo Dudek* who was a member of the marine infantry for 34 months.

Leo Dudek

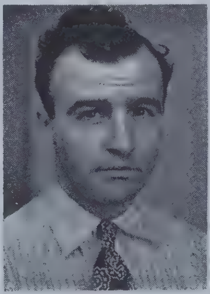
Leo's first trip overseas was to the Aleutian Islands where he spent one year. The second time, he was sent to Palau, Saipan, Aniwetok, and Japan and remained away 14 months.

Ed Zoltowski, Credit and Collection, spent over three years in the Army, where he worked in an office of the corps of engineers. When he returned to the Company he was assigned to the Customers Department.


Ed Zoltowski

Ed spent 16 months in England, France, and Germany, and was released from service as a technician, fourth grade.

The Customer Accounting Department welcomed *Thomas Lollis* back after three active years in the Army.


Thomas Lollis

As a technician, fifth grade, Tom worked in an ordnance depot, spending 28 months of his time in Australia, New Guinea, and Leyte. Most of the time, he drove a truck and acted as a unit supply clerk for his outfit.

Chicago looked pretty good to *Joseph Vesley* after spending 16 months of the 34 months he was in service in New Guinea, the Admiralties, Leyte, and Luzon.

Joseph Vesley

Before Joe was discharged from the Army he was a technical supply sergeant in a tank battalion. When he was discharged, he returned to the Industrial Sales Department.

Departmental News Notes

Service Dispatching Section

BY GEORGE KAZUNAS

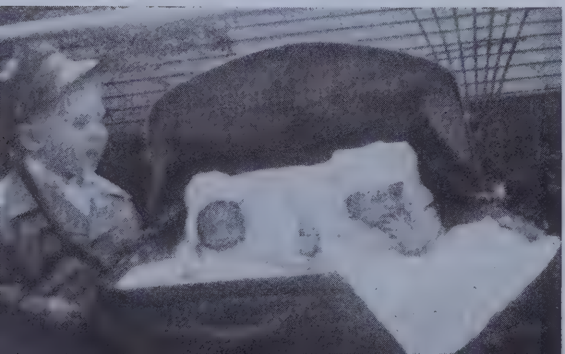
Vacations (Ctd.)—After sponsoring a successful moonlight boat cruise, Dan Collins found the strains of romance on moonlit waters called for the start of his annual vacation. Mike and Jim are going to explore Chicagoland with Daddy Dan as their guide. Bill Cary still maintains there is nothing like a good garden for sunshine and a reduction of the waistline. Between hoeing the rows and chasing chickens out of the rutabaga patch, Bill won't have much time to himself. Our sartorially resplendent Larry O'Connor intends to revisit pre-war Chain-of-Lakes vacation spots.

North District

BY JOHN LAWRISUK

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bill Dionne on his recent bereavement. . . . We're happy to present Wally Mehrholz's children. The young man in uniform is three year old Jackie, pictured as he proudly gazes at his "kid" sister and brother, Linda and Lynn, who arrived on January 20. . . . Imagine the look which engulfed Ted Zamirowski's face when he was informed over the phone that a power operated lawn mower went beserk through his bee-u-tee-ful tomato garden. Zam, maybe that'll teach you to believe only what you see. . . . Carl Adams has discovered that he ain't as young as he used to be. 'Tis said that he had intentions of running a four minute mile, but while in training sprained his leg badly, and, as a result, is now hobbling around. . . . VACATION BULLETINS: Ivan Anderson is motoring through California and according to the last reports is having fine weather and a grand time. . . . Tony Planing is in the Black Hills. Hope he brings back some of the yellow "dust" which is found in that vicinity.

Jackie Mehrholz shows marked interest in his new sister, Linda, and brother, Lynn.



Crawford

BY JIM HEGARTY

Jim Baker spent the better part of his vacation at Rockville, Indiana, where, among other things, he helped celebrate his Dad's 90th birthday. . . . William T. Galvin proudly announces the stork's visit to the Galvin domicile. Mrs. Galvin presented William with a fine bouncing baby boy on August 13, and now Bill's chest has expanded more than ever. It is expected, however, that the added duties will reduce his overall girth. . . . Crawford's representatives did right well in their company golfing endeavors this season. Mike Maione of the Distribution Station was the tournament medalist at St. Andrews with a smart 79. Mike is out of the Ranney Cup play-offs but at press time Jack Royle is in there chipping and pitching with an eagle eye on the trophy. . . . Helen Walsh (yes we have ladies at Crawford) is touring Mexico and doing all the highlights at Acapulco, Taxco, and Mexico City—wotta life. Ann Ryan, our "Hello" gal, stayed close to home but says she enjoyed every minute of an all too-brief vacation. . . . Tony Varallo of the Machine Shop is away fishing but this time it's not from a PT boat. Tony used to sail the Pacific and let loose a few tin fish in between dropping a line overside.

Customers

BY PAUL STROM

Anyone needing advice as to how to take down one of those tall trees should see Bill Kelsey. He finally got one down after weeks of hard work and almost causing some of his neighbors to have heart trouble. We're glad to see Jim Lomasney back to work again after his recent operation. . . . The new member in our department is Jim Kirkwood. Welcome, Jim. . . . Clarence Nicholls spent his vacation visiting in his home town, Calumet, Michigan. Al Stanell toured the east and had a swell time. Ed. McMahon, Joe McGinnis, and Irene Wolf enjoyed their vacations in and around Chicago. Harry Shanks and his family journeyed to Lake Lawn. Wally Lange laid around in Mauston, Wisconsin. Our golf outing at White Pines was another bang-up affair. Both Gene Sommer and John Hackemer won prizes.

Methods and Routines

BY E. W. REGAN

Merlin Smith returned from a vacation in Minnesota with a wrenched back. He regrets that the injury was not caused by hauling in a fish of record-breaking size. . . . Jim Neill is devoting most of his three week vacation to—guess what. Right! Jim is giving expert attention to his dahlias, meanwhile giving advice to envious fellow dahlia growers who call on him to discover the secret of his success. . . . Roy Christiansen spent most of his vacation in and near Chicago, playing golf on various courses and acquiring a deep tan. . . . Jack Macferran divided his vacation time between a farm in Missouri and a lakeside cottage in Michigan. . . . Floyd Eldridge tried his hand at trout fishing in the Colorado Rockies. He still prefers Middle Western bass. . . . Writing about other people's vacations is beginning to affect this poor man's Walter Winchell. Our late autumn vacation seems disturbingly far in the future.

Engineering

BY THOMAS B. PETTY

The Department sends sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to Joe Morrison of the Drafting Section. Joe was operated on at the Edgewater Hospital on July 26 and returned home on August 6 where he is reported to be recuperating satisfactorily. We're looking forward to your return, Joe. . . . The vacation season is in full swing at the present writing. Bill Bruson, Reese Evans, and Bill Pickor of the Drafting Section all found plenty to do around their homes and Chicago while Jule Jordan, Ernie Kaps, and Herb Downton "got up and went" for the first time since the otubreak of war—Jule to Maine; Ernie to West Virginia, Ohio, and Indiana; and Herb to Colorado. . . . Bob DeBiasio is back in the Drafting Section after 18 months in the Navy. Bob was a Storekeeper in the "Sea-Bees" and put in 10 months on Okinawa. . . . One more name has been added to our roster. One John Damm, an ex-Army Air Corps sergeant, joined our ranks on August 5. Welcome to our Department, John. . . . Ed Sturmer has finally hit the ground again after the trying ordeal of getting his only daughter married off on August 3. Best wishes from us to the happy couple!

Customer Accounting

BY JESS OLSON

BOOKKEEPING

NOT A HOT DOG—A COLD ONE—Recently, Loretta Hunt's niece and nephew from Indiana were visiting her. The day was very warm, so, after playing with their puppy for a short time, they decided to cool it off by putting it in the icebox. Later on, their mother missed the dog and was seriously informed by the culprits just what they had done. When the door was opened, the puppy was discovered calmly sitting on a slice of ham enjoying a bunch of delicious grapes. . . . The land of lakes and scenic beauty beckons many of our vacationers this month. Ray Goodman and Arthur Lerch have already accepted Wisconsin as their ideal vacation spot for those special days of summer loafing. Ray Koch too, agrees with their choice—he has had a delightful time at Lake Delton. Mickey Sherden is a Lake Geneva enthusiast. . . . When Dave Derby starts out on his trip we would advise a thorough search for "stowaways," for his plans are those every cameraman and fisherman envies—a vacation in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Canada. We will expect some good stories with illustrations, Dave! . . . Another favorite middle western resort state will have Al Wodrich among its guests this year. Al has chosen Michigan for the important holiday. . . . Out west the Gas Company will have a representative too, Marvin Worley will be able to tell us all about California and its famous sunshine when he returns. . . . Jim Smart's trip to Salt Lake City was literally a "flying" one. How does the Great Salt Lake look from the sky, Jim? . . . Congratulations to: Fred Shermer upon his appointment as Chief Clerk and to George Werner and Gus Orsor upon their appointment as Group Supervisors. . . . To John Lis who was elected Chairman of the Peoples Gas Company delegation to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, to Daniel O'Brien, appointed delegate to the American Legion Convention. . . . We were all sorry to hear of the unfortunate experience of John Peters on his vacation at Lake Como. Hope you'll be back soon, John. . . . The Wedding Bells ring out for Helen McGuire who was married to Leonard Reedy at St. Brendans Church on August 31. The beautiful ceremony was further enriched by Kay Walsh who was Maid of Honor, and the singing of Helen McCullough. . . . We also give our best wishes to Mary Doherty on her marriage to Earl Sheppard on September 11. . . . Howard (Doc) White, became a grandfather twice in less than 2 days. Congratulations, Doc. . . . Tom Murtaugh's cruise, under supervision of the U. S. Army, has taken him to Manila. . . . Many of the men in the Customer Accounting Department will miss their visits to Phil Abbinanti, the barber at the Lakeview Building. Phil passed away after an operation at Mayo Brothers. He was a member of Peoples Gas Post. Our sympathy goes out to the family of a good friend.

KEY PUNCH

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS have been passed out quite frequently lately with Elizabeth Gray, Margie Sheppard, Ruth Mills, Shirley McCann, and Lauretta Rashinski all celebrating theirs within the last month. . . . Shirley McCann has just returned from her vacation at her parents' cottage at Flint Lake, Indiana. Shirley is sporting a gorgeous tan which we understand she had some trouble acquiring. She was going to get her tan one afternoon but fell asleep in the boat and awoke to find she had spent the afternoon in the shade where the boat had drifted. . . . Keypunch girls who went on the beach party, invited by members of the Tab Room, had a lovely time.

TABULATING

FRED HARTMAN started his vacation by going northward to Minnesota, Canada, etc. . . . Lucille Cummings began by "cooling off" on the cruise given by the Gas Club. . . . Mary Al Greene has been on the sick list, but she is now doing very nicely. . . . Victor Gabrielsen had plans of resuming work in the department after returning from service. He is back at work now and we wish to give him a hearty welcome. . . . Nellyrose Nielsen is both Aunt and Godmother to her sister's baby, Donna Marie. . . . An unusual shower was given bridegroom John Smit in the 10th floor lunchroom with helpful gifts presented for his bride-to-be. . . . Marge Henriksen took wing and flew to San Francisco, the home of her brother and sister-in-law. . . . Wedding bells rang for our Leanore Rousseau at St. Rita's Church on September 14. Included in the wedding party were Leanore's sister, Meredith, as matron of honor and Mary Ann Snyder, Property Accounting.

Joe and Lola Campbell

The Customer Accounting Department scribes attended a luncheon given for them at the Y.W.C.A. This "get-together" was in recognition of their winning the annual award for news coverage presented by Gas News. Left to right they are: Harriett Monahan, Esther Burke, Vivian Eby, Marion Smith, Rita Faloona, John Lis, Assistant Superintendent Albert Haake, Jess Olson, Assistant Superintendent Fred Hartman, Stanley Orzech, Helen Fetterly, Lillian Russell, Lura Ann Robinson, Mary Houlihan, Catherine Heaney, and Adele Lange.

RECEIPTS

PICTURED ARE Joe and Lola Campbell. Joe is recovering from an arm injury received a year ago in France. . . . Emil Oldenburg said he spent his vacation watching his three grandsons grow up. . . . Esther Setzer took a trip up Canada way, then took the long way home and really enjoyed herself. . . . Here's for a speedy recovery for Jeanne Conley's mother after her recent operation.

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

HAROLD PERCIVAL was complaining the other morning about his aching back and how hard he had been working getting his lawn in shape. Your scribe had his private investigator pay a call at Harold's home. The following is his report—one rubber-tired wheelbarrow, one rubber-tired lawn mower, one hose and enough tools for a 10 acre farm, but the lawn is only 10x10 and has 12 blades of grass. Frank Snyder will swear to this. We are still waiting for the house-warming invitations. . . . On July 24, Tim Dowling became grandfather for a second time when Margaret Ann made her debut. . . . Our gardeners, Hurst and D. J. Driscoll, report a bumper crop of vegetables—mostly corn. . . . The Customers Service Division Outing held at White Pines on August 17 was a huge success, and everyone attending will vouch for this. Members of our department took their share of prizes.

Customers Order

BY ROBERT POTTHOFF

Lorraine Machen

VACATION SEASON is in full swing. James Mitchell returned to work after spending most of his leisure time near home. Living on the far southeast side near Rainbow Beach, he had all the comforts of a summer resort right in his back yard. . . . Frank Izzo says he isn't the chili and hamburger eater he used to be. Those two dishes very nearly spoiled his vacation. . . . Nap Paquet sojourned at Long Beach, Indiana. . . . Dave Love states he attended about ten Sox ball games and traveled out to Shrewbridge Field to watch one girls' night game. . . . Ann Rehling just returned from Canada where she met a tall, handsome, blue-eyed, mounted policeman. Yes, she used all four adjectives but states she is very happy to get back to the head set. . . . John Moore, a native of Lombard, spent several days sightseeing in Chicago. He made a tour of the boulevards and took in many of our points of interest. . . . Lucille Feeney vacationed at Lake Geneva; did a lot of dancing and had some real enjoyable fun. . . . Bert Antrim, who recently completed a quarter century with our Company has taken a great interest in flowers of late—roses. Reached at his hotel, he wouldn't say what he was doing on his vacation but heartily thanked me for getting him up—10 A.M. . . . Those new girls in the completed file are Loretta Pawlak, Doris Hesik, and Florence Swanson. Welcome to our family. . . . Paul Ludwig and his family spent a week at Wonderlake, Illinois. Paul and the kids fished, played ball, and generally had a good time. . . . Nancy McAndrews journeyed to Colorado as did Arthur Nelson. They say the wonders of the Grand Canyon must be seen to really be appreciated. . . . The meter record girls who left us in September are Irene (McManus) Scanlan, Jean Andreas, and Gerry Baldwin. We all wish you every happiness and the best of luck. . . . Frank Vita just returned from a week at Lake Marie, Illinois. Your deep tan is certainly becoming to you, Frank. . . . Fred Swinson and his boys, Kenneth and James, had a very exciting boat trip to St. Joseph, Michigan. Fred states that the lake became rough and frightened everyone aboard. . . . Rushing around at the last minute for a photo of one of our co-workers brought out a prize. It's our own Lorraine Machen. The picture was taken recently at her brother Jimmy's wedding. Nice, huh!

Typing and Duplicating

BY AVIS SUMMERS

ISABELLA HANKEL has returned to the Typing Section after having served in the Waves for 28 months. . . . We welcome Joan Fogarty, Leona Alberts, Geraldine Harte, Audrey Keenley, and Nancy Slogenhop to the Typing Section. . . . A number of our "gang" went on their vacations the past month. Helen Jennings spent a week of her vacation in Wild Rose, Wisconsin. Genevieve Danaher went to Pentwater, Michigan, to watch the sun set over Lake Michigan. Marguerite Kelley stayed in the city and tried to keep cool. Esther Frederick and some of her relations visited Wisconsin. William Wertz journeyed to the North Woods of Wisconsin to do a little fishing. Margie Van Puymbrouck and her sister, Elaine, went to Colorado Springs for a week and a half. Louis Zenaty stayed in Chicago for his two weeks. Ruth Sblewski went to a camp in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. And Walter Vander Vort stayed in Chicago to look for an engagement ring for Artemis Fefes. Good luck to both of you.

Calumet

BY JOHN DRYSDALE

WITH THE END of the vacation schedule nearing at Calumet Station, everyone here has been comparing all of the good times that they had on their two or three weeks of leisure time. . . . Jack O'Donnell made up his mind at the last minute to take a trip up to Paw Paw Lake. . . . John Marshall and the family rushed home from a one week stay at Bass Lake and left the next day to see his brother in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. . . . Frank Wilsak and Frank Ahlberg decided to see what Chicago and vicinity were like. . . . We really felt sorry for Red Keuther as he had a fine trip planned for up in Canada but then had to settle for a few short trips nearer the City when his new automobile tires did not arrive in time. . . . And speaking of automobiles, we were all surprised when Mr. Marshall returned from his vacation sporting a new 1947 Studebaker. . . . Jack Phillips was really getting up in the world when he flew to Newton, Kansas. . . . Eugene Howard spent several days at a convention in Philadelphia and several more days sightseeing throughout the East. . . . Ralph Haggerty thinks that he can beat anyone in that rugged game of golf because he learned a few pointers in following the finalists of the Chicago Park Tourney at Jackson Park. . . . Jim Heaney also spent some of his leisure time in Jackson Park but he was on the beach trying to keep cool. . . . Hero Kromminga and Ed Flynn represented Calumet Station on the Gas Club Boat Cruise and both reported that they had the time of their lives.

Meter Reading

BY ANNA MAE KARLAK

WE SAW THIS picture of little Judith Rozanski (5 months old) and just couldn't resist putting it in the GAS NEWS. Judith is the pride and joy of her two uncles, Ray and August Magistrelli. Cute, isn't she? . . . Well, with the closing of the vacation season we see once again all the familiar faces back on the job again. Among the returning vacationists we have James McDonald, who spent his vacation at his summer residence at Bensenville, Illinois, just relaxing, and Willard Cooke, who spent his vacation on his farm in Barrington, Illinois, really getting down to the soil. Mr. McDonald claims now the department will go back to normal with his return. . . . James Pink left on his vacation and plans to prove to Joe Doyle just how good fishing can be in Canada. We are waiting to see that prize catch. . . . Mrs. L. Amesse, wife of Leander Amesse, is to be congratulated on winning a beautiful set of Aluminum and a Ten Dollar Permanent Wave on a Quiz program. That's being lucky. We hope your good fortune continues. . . . We also send our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hale on the arrival of their baby daughter Sharon Louise, born July 28. One of our co-workers has heeded the call of the West. James Cohig has enrolled in school in Colorado to further his studies. Best of luck from all of us. We'll all be anxious to hear from you. Your pictures and snapshots of vacations would be greatly appreciated so please send them in now.

Judith Rozanski

Photographic

BY WILLIAM BEUKE

OUR BEST WISHES are extended to the "Bud" Mulcrones on their recent marriage, and their honeymoon trip to "Turkey Run" State Park. . . . While Harry Young is spending his vacation between the golf course, and seeing the Cubs play ball, I will try to keep our column in the news. . . . Al "Wally" Walavich spends his vacation this month, seeing all the interesting spots in the city beautiful. Our Chief, Vic Knitter, is taking a trip throughout the United States, and Canada, via his short wave radio, on his vacation this year. Elmer Beckwith is taking a motor trip to Minneapolis to visit his sister and do a little fishing on the side. . . . With regret, we wish to inform Fred Kann's many friends in the Company that he will be leaving us September 1 to resume his studies at Wright College. Best of luck, Fred . . . So many people are spending their vacations in Chicago this year; there must be a reason. Could be that many of us have had our fill of travel in the past few years.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony "Bud" Mulcrone

Research and Testing

BY GEORGE M. DOWSE

MR. AND MRS. A. M. DORNER proudly announce the birth of William John Dorner, a bouncing baby boy weighing 7 lbs. 7 ounces. Those sevens sound like lucky numbers. Both mother and son are doing nicely. . . . Pete Kiner is spending his vacation down at his beloved Lake Tippecanoe in Indiana, with nothing to do but rest. That's the life. . . . Jim Crane came back from his vacation with a nice coat of sunburn. Jimmy says that he acquired it working in his victory garden. . . . Stanley Modzikowski is taking a week off to attend the State Convention of the American Legion being held in Chicago. If you see a Legion Parade marching down Michigan Avenue, Stanley will be behind one of those big bass drums. . . . J. B. Martin is visiting his family in Michigan this month. He reports bumper apple and peach crops over there. . . . John Miller is back from a week's outing in Wisconsin. The weather was wonderful and the fish were biting like mad, according to John. . . . We welcome Robert A. Harper as a new member of our Physical and Chemical Testing section. . . . Wesley D. Mitchell has left the Research and Testing Department for new duties in the Market Statistics section of the Statistical Department.

Chicago District Pipeline

BY WAYNE POTTER

THAT BIG BIRD with that precious cargo leveled off over the east side of town and landed on July 18, bringing to Mr. and Mrs. Art Ahrens, a brand new 1946 model baby girl. Our congratulations to the both of them. Art reports that his wife and the baby are doing fine. . . . Les Marjai is to be commended on his aid to the vital housing shortage, by allowing a family of mice to take up residence in the foot of his rubber boot. Les discovered them by accident with his big toe. He is now the originator of a brand new dance step.

Stores

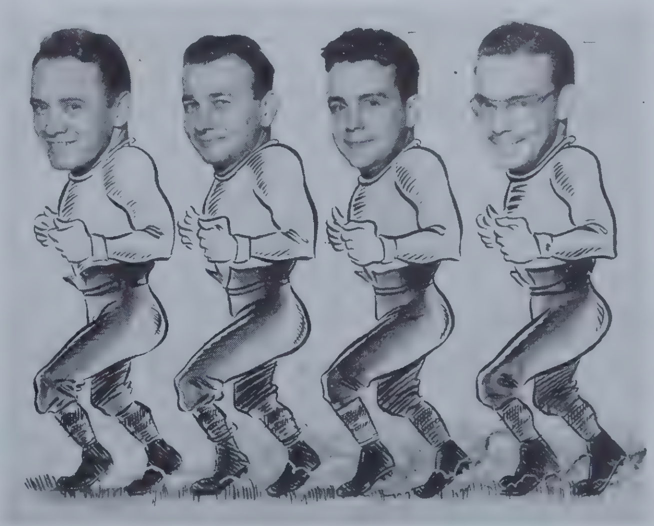
BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

WE WISH TO WELCOME into the Stores Department family—Leo Brennan, Joseph Horazy, and George Klein. We hope you gentlemen will enjoy many years with our Company. . . . Vacations seem to be doing the trick. Those returning report they had a grand time and have that sparkle in their eyes. There are still a few anticipating their vacations with great enthusiasm. We received a card this morning from Portland, Maine, signed by Clem Cooper. . . . All eyes are on our new timekeeper, Francis Joseph Dowling, who took over his new assignment in all seriousness. Dick Sover and John Tracey have also received new assignments—Congratulations, boys. . . . We were very sorry to lose Rocco LaRocco, who has been with the Company for eleven years.

Industrial Sales

BY WILLIAM HELME

INTRODUCING four new members of our sales force who have been in training for the past few months learning the signals and the necessary technique to play on a winning team. Head Coach Chapman believes they will soon be ready to join the seasoned veterans now on the varsity. . . . Daniel Regan, a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology, served as a Lieut. (JG) during the war. Thirty months in the navy, he spent six of them at Okinawa. Dan is married and father of two boys. . . . John Wertzler was graduated from the Michigan College of Mining and Technology. He saw service as a Lieut. (JG) with Uncle Sam's Navy in both the Atlantic and the Pacific. He is married and has a little girl. Baseball and fishing are his hobbies. . . . Grady Zilligen is a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis. In the service for five years, he was an instructor at Holy Cross before going to the Pacific. He was also a Lieut. (JG) and is single. . . . Warren Yunker, the only one of the group who was in the army, calls Ohio State his alma Mater. As a Staff Sergeant, he was affiliated with the Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, before being assigned to the Philippines. He is interested in photography, sailing and skiing—and oh yes, girls,—he is single.



Daniel Regan, John Wertzler, Grady Zilligen, and Warren Yunker look like they are ready to "carry the ball."

Statistical

BY ELMER J. MICHAELS

THE STATISTICAL welcomes Wesley Mitchell, formerly of the Research and Testing, and Ruth Bloom. . . . Betty Cooper became Mrs. Fred Kieser on August 2; the honeymoon consisted of a trip around Lake Michigan. . . . Mrs. William Jacques, the former Mary Lou Hasecoster, gave birth to a seven pound, seven ounce baby boy who will be named after his daddy. . . . Lillian Kahlfeldt sent her regards from Wisconsin where she states she is having a wonderful vacation. . . . Sincerest best wishes along with a fond farewell are extended to Edith Mosgers.

South District

BY J. SPAIN

THE NEWS IN GENERAL for this issue is about annuitants. On August 1, Joseph Gheddotti, street foreman, and Emil Mecklinberg, carpenter, were transferred to the annuitant roll. The occasion was one of gaiety. Joe Gheddotti was presented with a watch and Emil Mecklinberg was given a check by the men of the shop. Louis Wolf saw to it that cake and coke were served. Henry Schabes made the presentation of a "safety hammer" and a "mitre saw," along with a check, on behalf of the boys in the garage. Good luck to both of them and may we see or hear from them often for a long time to come. . . . Annuitants Tom Noonan and Al Young are still enjoying the Southwest. Tom is in California and Al is in Arizona. . . . It is with regret that we have to report the passing of Wallace Armstrong former toolkeeper at South District. . . . Melvin Loehrke has returned to work after almost four years in the Navy. Welcome home. . . . The Forum Season will be resumed in September.

General Accounting

BY LUCILE NOFTSKER

RESPONDING TO THE LURE of the wide open spaces, Alfred Schmidt spent his vacation touring the wild and woolly west, Black Hills, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana. He did real well on mileage, covering 2695 miles in 10 days. Saw a lot of buffalo and deer and visited the cemetery at Deadwood, South Dakota, where Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, Deadwood Dick, and Preacher Smith are buried. Also visited the biggest gold mine in the country at Lead, South Dakota. . . . Henry Meier is certainly proud of his son, Henry, Jr. who has pitched, caught and played outfield for the Oak Park American Legion team during their drive towards the State Championship. Henry, Jr. has a batting average over 450 and has attracted the attention of three major League scouts. Attention Mr. Wrigley! Why have him leave Chicago to play ball? . . . Jimmie and Billy Higgins now have a new little sister. An 8½ pound girl was born to the William Higgins' August 15 and has been named Mary. Our warmest congratulations, folks! . . . A post card from New Jersey says that Bernice Dahl is acquiring a nice "pink" on her vacation there and Anna Lupo writes that she's having a good time visiting friends in Cleveland, Ohio. . . . We extend a sincere welcome to Geraldine A. Kaub, our newest comptometer operator. . . . Margaret Spretnjak is working in the Machine Room, and is very much missed by the Key Punch Section. . . . Bea Lach and Louise Costa spent their vacation at Hilltop Resort in Michigan. . . . Among those who enjoyed the romantic twilight lake cruise on August 16 were: Joe Thomas and June Funkhouser, Ray Evans and Helen Rislow, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stella, and Sadie Lyons and Geraldine Schermerhorn.

Joseph Gheddotti and Emil Mecklinberg receive retirement gifts from John Linehan, superintendent South District. Martin Mix, operating engineer, and some of their co-workers watch the presentation.

Meter Shop

BY G. D. BURNS

William Ahern

TWO METER SHOP employes have ended their days of single bliss and have entered the ranks of the more responsible. Handsome Bill Ahern was married August 10 to Virginia Shell, a Southwest side belle. Jack McGlinchy gave Bill much needed support by being his best man. Andy Sebescak, another fine looking young man, new at Meter Shop, but well liked, was married to Leanore Rousseau, an employe of the Company. The entire Shop unites in wishing you young folks the best of luck in your wedded life. . . . Fred Hetzel, James Hannigan, George Burns, and Andy Klawitter all tried their much vaunted skill at the art of fishing in the North Wisconsin Lakes. They all claim they had a good time but none are boasting about the fish they caught. . . . Mike Marinello and his family are touring the West Coast with a large party of friends. . . . Ed O'Brien has the gang holding their breath. Ed threatens to get married but won't say when. . . . Cliff O'Hara goes about with a very happy smile and a great big cigar. We didn't get any of the cigars but we do know the reason for the smile. . . . Our old friend Oscar Weber was operated on at St. Lukes hospital. It would please him if some of the boys would drop in for a visit. . . . Jim Dineen returned from his vacation with a swell coat of tan. . . . Gene Deinert and Ivan Anderson are driving to the West Coast, taking their time and seeing all there is to see on the way. . . . Pat Anderson returned from his vacation with a greatly increased waist line and a better smile than ever. . . . Bob Burns the only fisherman who lets the fish chase the bait, once more is going to give them a chance to be caught. Bob likes the Lakes in the Wisconsin North Woods.

Bill Delivery

BY CAMILLE M. PALUMBO

MARY ANN O'MALLEY thrives on picnics. She returned to work after one of these fun-fests with sore muscles, aching joints, and bug bites. Yet she insists she loves picnics. Can't see it myself. . . . At present John Bromley and Otto Soos are on vacation. Vacation! That time of the year when you're supposed to get a well-earned rest, but usually end up returning to work more tired than the day you left.

Employe Relations

BY MARIAN BRYANT

Ruth Jaffke peeks over the shoulders of some of her acquaintances during her vacation in Ontario.

THIS DAPPER NORTHWEST Mounted obligingly posed with Ruth Jaffke peeking over his shoulder and two of her friends in Ottawa, Ontario, during Ruth's recent Canadian vacation. . . . Shirley Wright went in the opposite direction, spending two wonderful weeks in Florida. . . . Lake Geneva was Miriam Nelson's choice for a week of fun. The other week she spent showing her Texas relatives our fair city. . . . Bill Elsberg vacationed at Gages Lake where he concentrated on his golf game. Incidentally, Bill is the owner of a new two-tone green Oldsmobile. . . . Welcome to three newcomers: Lois O'Connor, Employment; Donald North, Employe Relations; and Dr. Morton Leonard, Medical. . . . Congratulations to Jean Carlsen who became Mrs. Thomas Schultz in a simple ceremony August 17.

Chicago By-Products Corporation

BY MARGARET VAN NEST

ALL OF US ARE pulling for our own Frank Donnelly who has advanced to the third bracket in the play-off for the George A. Ranney trophy. Keep making those birdies and pars, Frank! . . . Incidentally, Ed Cody has been doing an excellent job getting the various contestants for the Trophy lined up and the matches played off. . . . Vacations are in full sway, everyone returning with a different degree of tan. No exciting trips seem to have been taken, most of the time being spent relaxing and building up for the winter. We do hear, however, that Ruth Zalud and Lorraine Hallman caused some accelerated heart beats during their stay at New Buffalo and Michigan City.

South Sales

BY ELMER J. STAMM

THIS NEWSHOUND, while he has been doing a bit of sleuthing about for news, has not had much time for key-hole peeping —the reason—the Gas Curtailment order which is keeping the engineers going full blast. . . . In that connection, a situation has confronted the engineers at both North and South Sales Sections, which is most delicate. It naturally is a very simple process, when everything is in order, for the engineer to qualify heat consumers. On the other hand, however, it is of the utmost importance, where a person is not qualified for heat use, that the engineer use great tact and courtesy in so telling him. Why? The consumer may shortly be confronted by our salesman who wishes to sell him a water heater, range, or Servel. It is well to bear in mind that courtesy always pays dividends. . . . Vacations seem to be the big item for the month. Joe Volkstorf has been away from the office for two weeks, but we wouldn't call it a vacation. Poor guy, he has been building his own two car garage. More power to you, Joe! . . . Howard Baier is motoring here, there, and everywhere during his two weeks. . . . Better watch your laurels, Frank. Jim Condon did a swell job taking over the boss', Frank Schabes, duties while he was away. We ribbed you a lot, Jim, ol' pal, but we meant nary a word of it. . . . Your reporter leaves for his vacation at White Lake, Michigan, very shortly where he hopes to get sufficient rest to further carry on his arduous task of South Sales news reporting.

Budget

BY JEANETTE LEDENE

VACATIONS HAVE NOW been enjoyed by most of the budgeteers. Frank Pehlke reported a good time at White Lake, Michigan, where he made good use of the beach. Then John Carson came back from Canada some time ago, and not alone either . . . he had fish!! . . . An interesting event took place at the Golf Tournament August 24. Charlie Jensen, Bill Hollweg, Bill Sauer, and John Carson again took up their clubs. Charlie took an extra supply of balls along as he caught up on twenty years without practice.

Messenger Service

BY HARRY K. FOX

WE HEARTILY WELCOME three new men to Messenger Service. They are Richard Higgins, a graduate of Lindbloom High School; Jack Todd, a graduate of St. Rita High School; and Jack Ball, a Hirsch High School graduate. . . . Violet Ritis and Rosemarie Bradtke have received promotions to the Mail Division. Best of luck, girls. . . . Duty calls two of our young men back to St. Mel's High School. We wish Joe McAuliffe and Charles Tepper much success in their studies . . . Adolph Armbruster returned from his vacation and Urban Stucker leaves on his. We hope to see Urban return with a nice string of fish as evidence of his good luck.

Auditing

BY ESTHER STREBEL

THESE LAST MONTHS, Room 407 looks a little deserted. Seems everyone is off to get in as much vacationing as possible in two or three weeks and then reluctantly settles down for another fifty weeks of dreams of the past or anticipatory dreams of the future. We had a picture for this issue of John Thorne in a rowboat with a fishpole in hand and pipe in mouth plus a very determined look, but as there were no fish evident yet, John wouldn't allow publication and possible reflection on his reputation as a fisherman. Our recent vacationers were: Margaret Rodwick, who took a short summer course at the University of Indiana—combining education and pleasure; Gerald Lytle, who was also off to Indiana for a family reunion; Gab Andries did nothing but loll in the sun and swim at Stone Lake, Wisconsin. Our "see Chicago first" group consisted of Frank Mitchell, who caught up on his gardening; Art Gramse, who must really have seen Chicago because after his vacation he had to get two new tires for the family chariot; Leo Meyer got a good start painting his house; and Elmer Buege took in the races and ball games. If he went to Wrigley Field, he undoubtedly noticed one Bob Pavelchik, who declared himself to be almost a fixture at the home of his favorite Cubs. Oh, yes, while we're at it we might as well mention that your scribe just returned from two weeks in "cool Colorado"—(sigh)!

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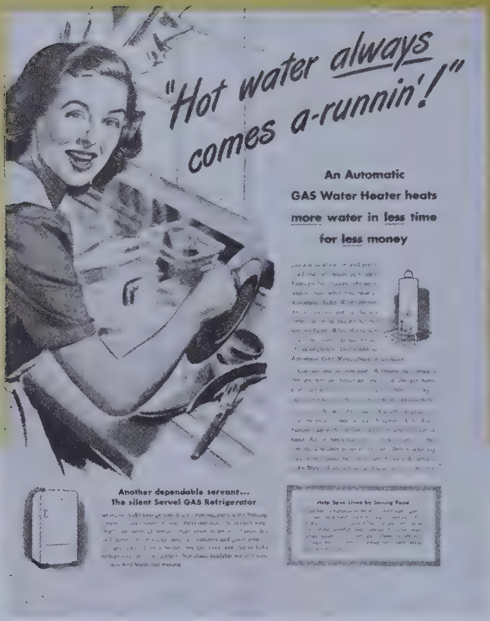

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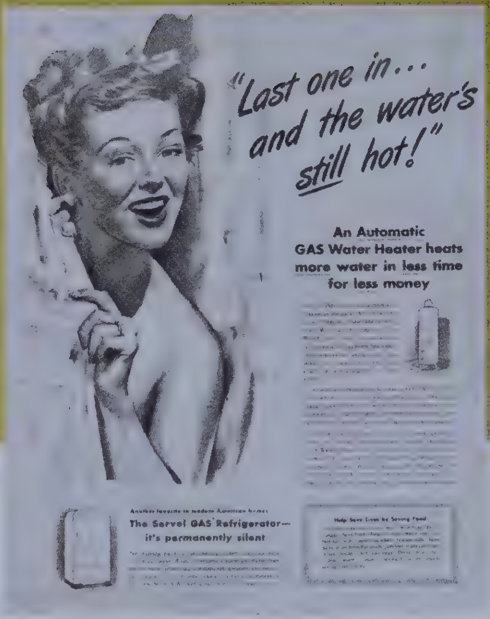

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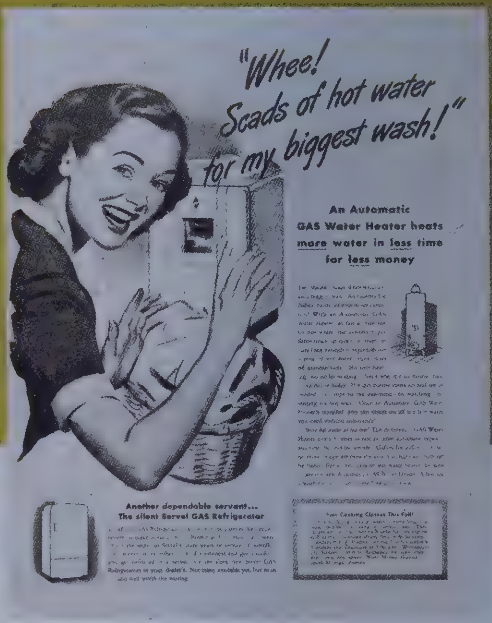

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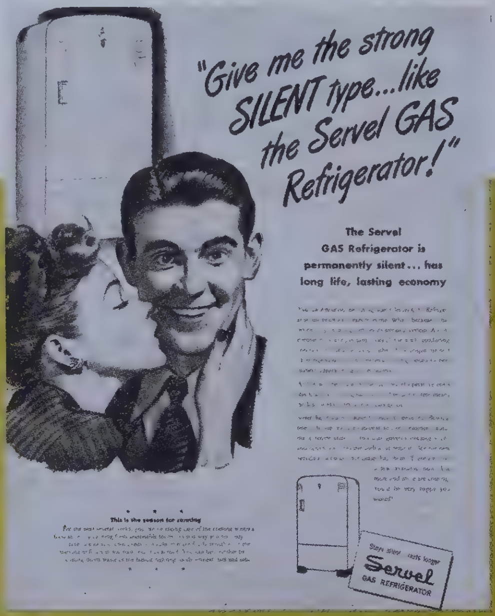

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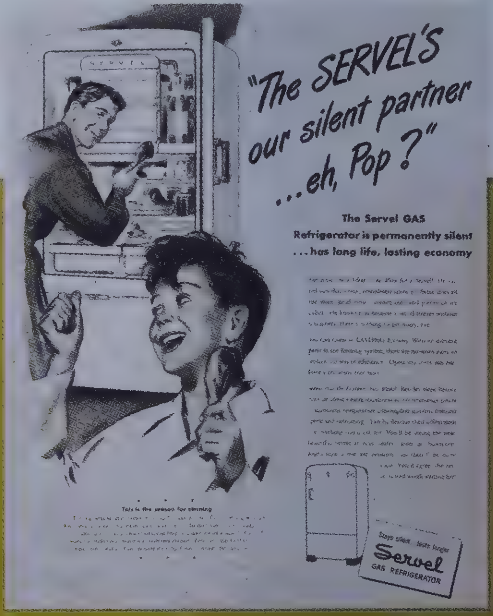

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Girl Keglers Swing Into 1946-47 Season

Above, an action picture showing Evelyn Ackerman of the Tabulating Team No 1, sending a sizzler down the alley.

Above, Helen Reedy, of Bookkeeping Team Number 2, is pictured at the end of a swing which really brought them down.

Members of the Bill Delivery Team are shown above. They are, left to right, Mary O'Malley, Grace Whited, Eleanor McPartlin, and Janette Libby. This team took three games on the opening nite—the other team did not appear for the contest.

Grouped around the scoresheet are members of the Key Punch and Employment teams. Beginning at the top left and completing the circle are: Janet Ross, Miriam Nelson, Mary Houlihan, Eleanore Rada, Lillian Gremba, Lorraine Brinker, Irene Granahan, Elizabeth Gray, and Ruth Sblewski.

At left are members of Accounting No. 3, and Vouchers Payable Teams in the Peoples Gas Girls League. In the front row are: Gerry Kaub, Jeanette Ledene, Margaret Spretnjak, and Mary Lou Harding. In the back row, Helen Sheehan, Mary Monahan, Helene Halon, and Alice Root.

At left, a group picture of Accounting No. 1 and the Bookkeeping No. 2 teams, showing the bowlers picking out their agates for the season opener. They are, left to right, Harriet Monahan, Frances Weismantel, Doris DeWindt, Dorothy Crotty, Vivian Hollander, Florence Lees, Ruth Jaffke, Mary Richards, and Ruth Lautenback.

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WHAT may be considered the dawn of the plastic age for the gas industry loomed on the horizon this summer with the installation of plastic pipe for gas services in Los Angeles. The new pipe was given a tryout during the critical shortage of copper and steel. The plastic pipe now in use is being carefully watched, although engineers anticipate satisfactory results.

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THE average person blinks 25 times a minute, and scientists say that each blink takes one fifth of a second. Thus, if a driver averaged 40 miles an hour on a motoring trip, he would drive over 25 miles with his eyes shut. To which we might add, that it would be a good idea for him to keep his eyes open the rest of the time.

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UTILITIES have been given the "go-sign" for the use of radio as a means of communication in emergencies, and for miscellaneous contacts between offices, production, and distribution stations. Up to September 9, when the restrictions were relaxed, utilities used radio only for emergency purposes. Mobile stations can now be employed for the purpose of distributing necessary operating information.

Radio is of greatest value to pipeline companies, whose maintenance crews often operate beyond normal communication channels. The Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, which supplies gas to our Company, has used radio for emergency purposes since 1938 and is investigating an expanded use of this method of communication.

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ACCORDING to a well known engineer, the heat necessary to melt one gallon of ice would, if converted into pumping power, lift more than 200 gallons of water to a height of 100 feet.

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The Cover

BRIGHT AND COLORFUL as the leaves of autumn, and as expressive of the Hallowe'en spirit as black cats, witches, and goblins is our cover of this issue. The little Jack-o-lantern appears in a variety of settings through the use of the two colors, black and orange. The art work on the design was completed by the Photographic Department.

229 Golfers Attend Fall Tourney

A BRIGHT AND SUNNY dawn on September 7, gave the gas Club golfers a good sendoff for their fall golf party at Gleneagles Golf Club, and the fun, competition, and good fellowship increased as the day progressed.

Two hundred and twenty-nine golfers turned out to follow the "little white pill" around, the first foursome teeing off at 7:00 A.M.

The biggest feature of the day was the play-off for the Ranney Trophy which was won by Thomas Allen, Chicago District Pipeline, who defeated his finalist opponent, John Royle, Crawford Station.

The Trophy, which has never been handed to anyone "for keeps," has been the subject of intense competition for the past several years. The person who wins in the Trophy finals three times, automatically becomes the permanent possessor of the cup.

Tom, a winner for the second time, is just waiting for a "shot" at it for the third and final time. In addition to winning the play-off, Tom received a golf bag, and John Royle, a runner-up, won a golf cart.

In the ladies golf match, the winner, Eleanor Coambs, General Accounting, shot an 87, entitling her to first prize. She won an Arden's fitted case. Eleanor, who is known for her athletic prowess, was the only girl to participate in the Ranney Trophy play-off. Yvonne Hewitt, Employment, held the second low gross score and won a windbreaker jacket, and Ann Styler, Executive Office-Finance and Personnel, came into the running for third prize, winning a Revlon fitted case.

Thomas Allen receives the Ranney Trophy from Golf Chairman Elmer Christell, right, following the Fall Golf event.

In the low gross scores for the men, Patrick Edgeworth, Credit and Collection, won first prize, a golf cart. Second prize of an overnight bag was presented to Harry Reimer, Engineering, and third prize, a plastic rain jacket, was won by Clyde Du Vall, General Accounting.

Another interesting feature of the day was the long ball drive contest which was held for both men and women on the fifth hole. The prizes for this contest were golf balls, a dozen to each of the winners with the longest drive, six to the second longest drive participants, and three to the third longest wallop recorded.

For the ladies' part, Margaret Onions, Executive Office, Customers Service, took first prize; Margaret Schlumpf, General Accounting, came in second; and third prize was won by Mary Louise Talley, also of the General Accounting. Among the men, Ray Warne and John Curran, both of North District, won first and second prizes respectively, and John Wiecek, Central District, received third prize.

During the evening an excellent dinner was served to those attending. This was followed by strains of Joseph McNerney's orchestra, which supplied music for the dancers from 7:30 P.M. to midnight.

Signing up at the starting table at Gleneagles are Henry Christiansen, Joseph Martin, Eleanore Coambs, and Clyde DuVall. Louis Wolfe, of South District kept the records.

A North District foursome lines up for a mass shot at cup No. 5. The men are: Frank Angelo, Harold Gervais, Garfield Vanderlip, and Thaddeus Zamerowski.

Suggestion Plan Revised, New Blank Ready for Employe Use

When the Suggestion System was first started it was operated on an entirely anonymous basis. The suggester was not known until after he claimed his award. Under the new plan, as described by E. S. Beaumont in a letter to all employes dated October 15, the suggester will have the choice of signing his name or remaining unidentified. If he signs his name his identity will be known only to the secretary of the Suggestion Committee. This is the way it will work: when a signed suggestion is received, the suggestion secretary will remove the identification and place it in a confidential file. As in the past, the suggester will not be known during the course of investigation of the suggestion by any members of the Suggestion or Reviewing Committees.

For those who sign their suggestions there are several advantages. If additional information is required for the complete investigation of the idea, the suggester can be contacted by the Secretary who will ask for the additional information and transmit it to the committee representatives. Also authors of suggestions will be promptly notified of any awards approved by the Suggestion Committee. They will not have to wait for the Suggestion Bulletin. In addition any unusual delays in the processing of signed suggestions will be reported to the suggester.

In order to put these changes into effect, the suggestion blank was revised to provide a space for the signature, if that is used, as well as a coupon to be retained by those suggesters who desire to remain anonymous. In addition, the blank has several new features which are designed to aid suggesters in the preparation of their ideas. Six points are stressed. Explanations of each point are as follows:

Submit Drawings Or Exhibits Separately

In some cases the suggestion secretary has received suggestions with drawings or sketches, made directly on the suggestion blank. It is requested that these be submitted separately and attached to the suggestion blank with a clip so that they can be easily circulated.

Department, Location, Or Equipment

Always be certain to give the specific department, shop, or station referred to and also, if applicable, specify the equipment affected.

Forms, Routines, Or Practice Involved

Since we have in existence 1608 different forms, a suggester should be certain that the form number is stated in the suggestion. Also describe any routines or practices involved as fully as possible.

How The Present Practice Can Be Improved

Give in detail the ways and means of improving the present practice so that the proposed change can be fully considered.

Advantages To Be Gained

A list of such advantages as savings, improved procedures, etc., to be gained by the acceptance and adoption of the suggestion should be included.

Benefits To Be Derived

Indicate as fully as possible the benefits derived from the suggestion as they apply to the Company, fellow employes, or customers.

The Suggestion Committee urges everyone to feel free to ask questions about these changes or any phase of the Suggestion System.

Below, Merrill Flatner, suggestion secretary, is pictured while explaining the details of the suggestion system to his new assistant, Donald North. Below, E. S. Beaumont, Suggestion chairman, is shown signing the letter to all employes announcing the new system.

The picture below was taken at a regular meeting of the Suggestion Committee. The members are, left to right, Cyril H. Light, William H. Hollweg, Jesse E. Dowen, George M. Laurence, Chairman Ernest S. Beaumont, Secretary Merrill O. Flatner, John B. Craven, Elmer F. Schuldt, and James G. Waddick. Members of the committee not in the picture are: Frederick J. Written, James C. Messer, and George I. Simpson.

BURNING AGUE
SPANISH INFLUENZA
L'ALLURE
THE NEWE ACQUAYNTANCE
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ENGLISH SWEAT

Influenza

LA GRIPPE
FIERO CHUTO
LA GRIPPETTE
MAL DI ZUCCONE
SLAEDAN
EX INFLUENTIA COELESTI
GRYPKA

By H. A. LINDBERG, M. D.
and W. E. HOOK, M. D.

THE 1918-19 epidemic of influenza with its terrible toll of human life is still fresh in the memory of most of us. It was called the Spanish influenza but no one knew the exact place from which it started. Localized outbreaks of the disease appeared in various parts of the world in 1915, 1916, and 1917 like scattered fires in a forest. Rapidly the epidemic spread with increasing severity until in 1918-19 the conflagration became world-wide affecting somewhere between 200,000,000 and 700,000,000 people in all. The death rate was extremely high, especially in older persons, because of the frequent complication of pneumonia and the severe toxemia produced by the disease. 550,000 people died in the United States alone. In all, more than 21,000,000 deaths occurred throughout the world; more than 1 per cent of the total estimated world population at that time. Before the epidemic finally subsided, more people had been killed by influenza than by all the armies in World War I during four years of fighting!

Exactly when the first true epidemic occurred is not known for early statistics and scientfic descriptions of disease are meagre and difficult to interpret. It is fairly certain that severe visitations of the disease took place in 1557, 1647, 1709, 1743, 1830-33, 1836-37, 1847-48, 1889-90, and 1918-19. The great pandemic of 1889-90 required 18 months to complete its travel eastward from Turkestan around the world. Unfortunately in future epidemics the spread of the disease probably will keep pace with the increasing speed of modern transportation!

Since the cause of influenza was unknown and each epidemic varied as to its severity and type of complications, the identity of the disease usually was missed and a new name was given to each recurring outbreak. Two have come into common use—influenza or flu and grippe. The first, influenza, was derived from the Italian "una influenza di freddo" (influence of cold) and was first used in the 14th century. English translators mistook the world "influenza" for the actual name of the malady. The second common name, grippe or la grippe, was first used in France in the epidemic of 1743 and came from current French slang (gripper—to seize).

Influenza Outbreaks

1557 - 1647 - 1709 - 1743
1830-33 - 1836-37 - 1847-48
1889-96 - 1918-19

Cause of Influenza

For centuries the cause of these severe and often highly fatal epidemics was clouded in mystery and superstition. From the earliest concept that visitations of the disease were evidence of "Divine" wrath have been added such bizarre notions as that influenza was due to some supernatural evil force, a blast from the stars, alterations of air currents, the Aurora Borealis, electric conditions of the air, influences of cold, and pestilential winds.

With the founding of the science of bacteriology, scientists instituted intensive research toward finding the specific germs which cause infectious diseases. The word virus literally means poison and scientists have used it to describe a group of tiny, living organisms so small that they are invisible with even the most powerful ordinary microscope and can pass through the finest filter. With the new electronic microscope, a few of them now can be examined. These organisms may represent the most primitive form of life. They live and grow only on living cells and tissues. Many specific diseases are known to be caused by viruses including measles, mumps, infantile paralysis, chickenpox, smallpox and some forms of encephalitis or sleeping sickness.

To the list of diseases caused by viruses we now can add influenza. Shope in 1931 showed that a virus was involved as a cause of influenza in pigs. Shortly thereafter—in 1933—three British investigators, Smith, Andrewes, and Laidlaw, isolated a virus from the throat washings of influenza patients which would cause a similar disease when inoculated into ferrets. This was a tremendous step which resulted in world-wide research.

Two types of influenza virus have now been identified—Type A virus discovered in 1933 and Type B virus isolated in 1940. To these two types belong many strains; in all more than 100 have been found. Although influenza is caused by both types of the virus, the Type B disease is usually somewhat milder, less debilitating and has less severe complications than Type A influenza. An attack caused by one type, however, will not protect a person against an infection by the other type. There is evidence that the two types appear in alternating two-year cycles.

A special commission was established by the Army to study respiratory diseases. In September 1945 this commission predicted that "the chances are roughly 7/11 to 1 (65%) that Influenza A will reappear during the year 1945-46. If it fails to occur in this season, the probability is much greater that it will appear in the following winter, i.e., 1946-47." Medical statisticians are not infallible. Instead of Type A in the winter 1945-46, there was a short mild epidemic of Influenza B. However, it is very probable that influenza will become epidemic during the coming fall and winter of 1946-47. Vaccines containing both Type A and Type B virus are now available so that a large per cent of the population can be protected against both types of the disease.

During the last few years of the war every soldier in the American army was vaccinated against influenza. The incidence of influenza in those so vaccinated was 90 per cent less than in those unprotected!

Symptoms

During an epidemic the differentiation between a cold and the flu is relatively easy for influenza is generally more severe. However, the occasional mild case occurring sporadically or in the early phases of an epidemic, may be extremely difficult or impossible to diagnose. Since influenza has so many serious complications and after-effects which colds do not have, a physician should be called early in every case of respiratory disease to determine the exact diagnosis.

The typical symptoms of influenza occur as the virus becomes more potent with the spread of an epidemic. The onset is sudden and may be almost explosive in its rapidity. In the morning at breakfast time a person may be perfectly well and by noon be violently ill. The symptoms first noticed are usually severe headache, chills, fever, backache and distressing aching in every muscle, bone, and joint in the body. The fever usually remains high for two or three days and then declines rapidly. Sometime after the onset, symptoms of a cold may develop and add to a patient's misery with nasal discharge (the familiar "running nose"), reddened injected eyes, "scratchy" throat and dry cough.

In 1918

The Flu took 500,000 U.S. lives

During the first day or two of the disease, the physician usually finds a patient who is seriously ill, with high fever, drowsy response, dulled eyes, coated tongue, and only a slightly inflamed throat. Generally the lungs are normal and the pulse not too rapid. The extreme illness of the patient is all out of proportion to the doctor's findings.

No other infectious disease has such a short period of fever and is followed by such prolonged convalescence as influenza. If a patient gets up too soon after his temperature becomes normal, he will discover how weak he really is. "Weak as a rag" is an expression commonly heard. The unwise resumption of activity too early may lead to a relapse more severe than the original infection! Post-influenzal debility usually lasts from a few days to several weeks.

The influenza virus destroys the cells lining the small air passages of the lungs. This factor and the lowered resistance of the patient makes secondary pneumonia a frequent complication. In addition, the influenza virus may damage the heart muscle and kidneys, particularly in older people. Severe heart attacks may follow what seems to be a mild attack of the flu.

In contrast to the above symptoms and findings, of typical influenza, the common cold usually has a more gradual onset with nasal discharge and a sore throat as the first symptoms, followed later by mild generalized body aching. Generally the fever is not as high as that seen in influenza, nor is the patient so extremely ill. The prolonged convalescence and serious after effects so frequent after flu generally do not follow the common cold.

Treatment

Medical science has made rapid progress in the treatment of specific bacterial infections, with the sulfonamides, penicillin, and streptomycin, but these agents have not proved to be effective against virus infections. Therefore, the prevention of influenza is particularly important.

The patient with influenza should observe these simple rules: 1, go to bed immediately no matter how mild the attack; 2, keep warm; 3, drink plenty of fluids; and 4, remain in bed until the physician says it is safe to be up and about. The doctor will probably administer medication to control the discomfort and may prescribe the sulfonamides or penicillin to prevent such complications as pneumonia.

A patient with a mild attack not only harms himself but endangers everyone with whom he comes into contact by trying to "tough it out" and continue work.

Influenza is spread from person to person by droplets from the nose and throat through coughing, sneezing, or even talking. Hence, the patient should be isolated in his own room and cared for by only one member of the family who should wear a mask while caring for the patient. Other isolation precautions should be observed including thorough sterilizing of dishes, towels, bedding, etc., separate from those used by other members of the family.

Fortunately, in influenza vaccine, we have an extremely potent weapon for defence. This month the Medical Department is making this influenza vaccination available to employes of the Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company. In order to be effective, this vaccination must be completed by November 1. Specific instructions will be issued in the near future.

Gas Ads

FOR SALE—Slightly used gray baby buggy. Detachable top, chromium plated handle. $20.00. Call Independence 1131.

WANTED TO BUY—Used Italian Record Set. See John Moore, 3rd Floor Order Department.

WANTED TO RENT—Room on northwest or west side. Call Adolph Armbruster, local 829.

WANTED TO BUY—Piano, upright or baby grand. Call James McGinley, local 2205.

WILL TRADE—Furnished apartment at 64th and Kenwood for flat on west or northwest side. Call Michigan 6464, George Marker.

WANTED TO RENT—Furnished apartment to accommodate four individuals. Preferably on the north side. Call Elizabeth Bailey, Home Service, Michigan 6464.

George Dowse Takes October Scribe Award

THE JUDGES who cast their votes in the departmental scribes' contest to choose the winner for October, selected the column written by George Dowse, Research and Testing, as the winner.

The editor-judges who made the selection were: James Bulger, Chicago Motor Club; J. W. Stokes, Chicago Molded Products Corporation, and Dwight M. Blish, 43 East Ohio Street.

Morgan an Officer of Statistical Association

AT A RECENT MEETING of the American Statistical Association, George Morgan, assistant statistician, was elected secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Mr. Morgan has been a member of the Association for four years and last year held the office of chairman of meeting arrangements. He has been associated with Peoples Gas for 21 years.

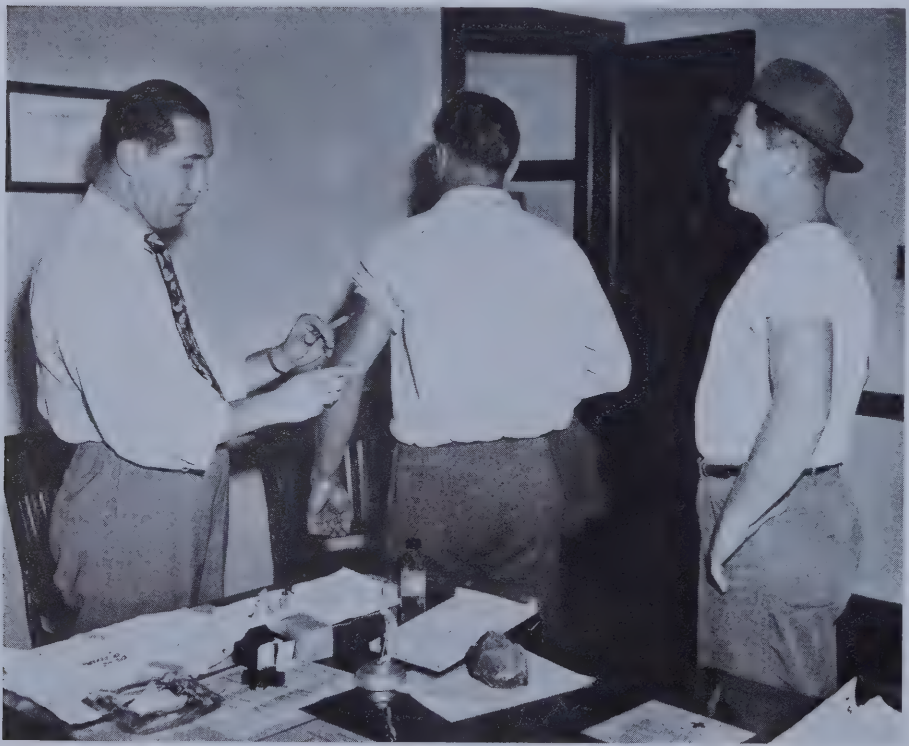
Helen Farrell, senior statistical clerk, in the Statistical Department, was appointed the Association's co-chairman of the meeting arrangements by Guenther Baumgart, the American Statistical Association's president.

Miss Farrell has been a member of the Association for three years.

Thank You Card

FRANCIS J. BENHAM wishes to express his deep appreciation to his many friends who extended their sympathy during his recent bereavement.

Vets Take Tetanus Protection



Dr. Harry Petrakos is shown giving Tetanus Toxoid inoculations to Peoples Gas ex-service men. The "booster shots" are given to those who previously received immunization in the armed forces, to prolong their protection against Tetanus (lockjaw).

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

THE EYES of the gas industry were riveted upon Atlantic City, New Jersey, the week of October 7 when the twenty-eighth annual convention of the American Gas Association—the first full-fledged postwar meeting—was held. Simultaneously, a great exhibition of gas appliances and equipment, sponsored by the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association, was held.

The pent-up energy and vitality of an awakened gas industry was reflected in the interest-packed programs of the General, Departmental, and Sectional meetings. Broad-gauged problems of industry-wide significance were discussed by top-flight speakers.

WOMEN . . . Eighty per cent of working women live in family groups, 20 per cent live alone. Of those in family groups 15 per cent are sole wage earners. More than half in the family group contribute more than half of the total family earnings, according to Women's Bureau of Labor Department. Eighty-four per cent are in the labor market to support themselves and family, 8 per cent work to clear a debt or educate children, 8 per cent because they are interested in their job.

NATURAL GAS USE UP 217 PER CENT . . . The utilization of natural gas in 1944 was 217 per cent greater than in 1925, and the total value of the gas to consumers increased 210 per cent, E. Holley Poe, head of a New York firm of natural gas consultants, testified recently at the Federal Power Commission's investigation of the natural gas industry. Mr. Poe also stated that natural gas is available to approximately 68,000,000 persons in 33 states and the District of Columbia.

MOODY'S INDUSTRIALS—FINANCIAL COMPARISONS. We have a copy of this booklet in the Library which you may consult. As a supplement to Moody's Industrial Manual for 1946, it is a convenient source of material from which quick and revealing analyses and comparisons may be made. It presents financial and operating data on leading industrial companies in 69 industry groups.

GAS around the World

BY WILLIAM HELME

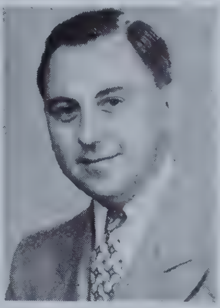
What! No bounce!—Rubber balls are being used in California for other things besides tennis. They come in mighty handy for cleaning out gas lines. Called "Rotary Pipe Crawlers," hollow balls constructed of heavy rubber are completely covered with a chain link armor. The chain performs the dual function of reinforcing the rubber and acting as a scraper to scour the inside surface of the pipe. The ball can be deflated for insertion into the pipe line through small openings. Being flexible, it will readily pass around right-angled miter joints and through constricted sections. Line pressure forces the ball through the pipe. On its first exploratory trip, the ball can be sent through the line with reduced diameter so that there is less chance of its becoming stuck. Succeeding trips can be made with the ball blown up to a larger diameter to provide cleaning and scraping action. Maybe this ball won't bounce but it really goes places.

A wisp of smoke—In making a canvass of his territory, one of our industrial sales engineers noticed a wisp of smoke drifting slowly out of a small stack on a two-story building. He might have passed the building by as it is in a residential neighborhood and set far back from the street, but the smoke fascinated him. He decided to investigate. On entering and making inquiries as to the heating operations, he found that a solid fuel was being used in a pot-bellied stove to provide heat for drying statuary. He was told that the method used for drying the work was not satisfactory. Upon our engineer's recommendation a modern direct gas-fired air heater was installed. It is operating to the complete satisfaction of the customer. The workmen are happy too, as the drudgery connected with the stove has now been eliminated. On a fuel cost basis alone, gas has proved to be cheaper than the former method. Converting a job from some other fuel to gas is not always as simple as it may sound here but experience has shown that a wisp of smoke often leads to a sale.

Schultz is JAC Director; Lis Heads Gasco Members

At a meeting of the 628 members of the Chicago Junior Association of Commerce held June 4, Norman Schultz, Methods and Routines, past chairman of the Peoples Gas Group of that Association was elected a member of the board of directors of that organization.

Norm, who was employed by the Company in September, 1933, is a senior methods and routines engineer. He has been a member of the Peoples Gas group of the Association for three years. His new duties involve having charge of the Awards Committee, the Speakers Bureau, the Senate, and the Remembrance Committee. In addition he has been made vice chairman of the State awards committee.


Norman Schultz

John Lis

In Norm's stead, John Lis, Customer Accounting, was elected chairman of the Gas Company Group of the Chicago Junior Association of Commerce for the ensuing year. The election took place on August 12, in Room 1028, of the Gas Building. John who has been with the Company since November 1936, is a customer accounts clerk, and has been a member of the Group for three years.

Statuary described in adjoining column

Holtz, Kearns Get New Branch Office Duties

Effective as of October 1, Romie Holtz, manager of Larrabee Branch Office, 1608 Larrabee Street, was transferred to Milwaukee Branch Office as manager, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Richard Rothwell.

Mr. Holtz joined the organization in 1907 as an arc lamp trimmer. He worked in the Collection Department fore entering the Sales in 1925.

Bernard Kearns, former assistant office manager, Milwaukee Avenue Branch, was appointed manager of that branch office as of October 1. Mr. Kearns has also been a gas man since 1907, having worked in the Bill Delivery, Investigation, Coupon, Accounting, and Distribution Departments before entering the Domestic Sales in 1925.

Ballots Out Soon For Gas Club Primaries

Primary election ballots for the selection of candidates for the office of president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, and treasurer of the Peoples Gas Club will be in the hands of the employes during the week of October 21, according to the election committee.

All ballots are due to be returned by November 1. Those departments electing members of the Club's executive committee will receive extra ballots for that purpose (they are elected on alternate years).

Entering Military Service

Harry W. Schloetter, a meter reader in the Meter Reading Department, left for military service during the month of September.

Olson Finishes Another War-Time Job

In addition to many other war-time activities Jess Olson, Customer Accounting, was Westview Community Canteen Chairman for the Chicago Servicemen's Centers. His community was credited with the largest contributions throughout the Metropolitan Area. Up to the time of closing 17,493 cakes; 3600 pounds of cookies; 87,250 candy bars; 33,380 packages of cigarettes; and 6,000 miscellaneous items were gathered for the Centers, as well as $1400 in cash.

Two Ideas Each Bring $25 In Fall Crop of Suggestions

TWO EMPLOYES had a "field day" when the results of the suggestions they submitted to the Suggestion Committee brought them each $25. Alice Bantli, Treasury-Receiving, was one of the $25 winners and John Hanson, Central District, was the other.

Alice suggested that receivers keep collection coupons intact and in the same order as the registers. John's suggestion had to do with the use of Normac Leak Clamp bevel gear wrenches to be used to eliminate 2′ x 3′ openings in doing service repair work when side tops are encountered.

Four employes received awards of $10 each. They were: Marie Lehmann and Millard Keller, Stores-Warehouse; Ernest Rainford, Credit and Collection; and Frank Kerstien, Meter Shop.

In the $5 award group, Ralph Beuchel, Stores-Warehouse, received three $5 awards for submitting adoptive ideas to the Committee. Other $5 award winners were: Julia Petrauskas, Stores-Stationery; Edward Garbers, Customers Order; John Skorcz, Crawford Station; Herman Ruppman, Stores Department, and Robert Harrington, 110th Street Station.

Frederick Written hands Alice Bantli a check to cover the worth of her suggestion, $25.

Community Fund Drive In Company Begins Oct. 14

IT'S COMMUNITY FUND time again, time to make the Red Feather Pledge so as to provide the funds needed for vital health and welfare services throughout the city. As the theme of the Community Fund implies, "Helping those who need you is a feather in your hat," simply because it helps to support 192 of Chicago's OWN local charitable agencies. This includes helping the USO to complete its important work in behalf of the boys still in service.

The Peoples Gas campaign was started on October 11, with a letter from President G. F. Mitchell to all employes. Arrangements were made for payment of the amount pledged in cash, or through payroll deductions, either on the November 29th payday, or in four alternating paydays beginning on that day.

The text of Mr. Mitchell's letter dated October 11, is as follows:

To All Employes of
The Peoples Gas Light and Coke
Company and Subsidiary Companies

On October 14, your Community Fund Campaign will begin, as October is the month for this activity in Chicago and throughout the Nation.

Chicago's quota is $7,939,000, and the money will be used for the following purposes:

1. To assist the destitute, the aged, the crippled, the blind, and the otherwise handicapped persons in our own community.
2. To provide funds for the U.S.O. ($906,000).

Some of these vital needs are explained in the folder which accompanies this letter. Please read it carefully.

How much you give is for you to decide.

The amount pledged may be paid in installments on alternate paydays, beginning with the November 29th payday; in other words, in four monthly installments. Please return your card to your Superintendent.

I am appealing to you to help support 192 of Chicago's own local charitable agencies serving every section of the city and all groups of people, regardless of religious belief, race or color; also, to help the U.S.O. finish up its wartime job.

GEORGE F. MITCHELL
(signed)
President.

Service Anniversaries
October, 1946

40 YEARS

Keaney, Patrick, North District

35 YEARS

Kwiatkowski, Steve, South Station
Matha, Albert, Peoples Gas Building
Newman, Axel G., Credit and Collection
Radovan, Joseph, South District
Stupur, John A., Peoples Gas Building
Swanson, Fred J., Credit and Collection

30 YEARS

Ketelsen, Raymond, 22nd Street Station
Los, Andrew, Division Street Station
Pravdic, Steve, North Station
Shemkus, Theodora, Gas Building
Zander, Fred, Credit and Collection
Zralek, Stephen J., Domestic Sales

25 YEARS

Baker, James G., Crawford Station
Blaney, John S. General Accounting
Chapiesky, Victor A., Crawford Station
Coyle, Anthony J., Crawford Station
Engler, Ambrose M., Crawford Station
Fairfield, Earl S., Crawford Station
Flint, Stanley H., Crawford Station
Germann, Paul O., Crawford Station
Glog, Josef, Crawford Station
Goodman, Irvin G., Crawford Station
Henigsman, Joseph F., Crawford
Klisiewicz, John J., Crawford Station
Larson, Herman L., North Station
Maloney, Michael, South District
Maloney, Peter F., Crawford Station
McGuigan, Peter, Central District
Miller, Michael, Crawford Station
Morris, Albert W., Crawford Station
O'Brien, John, Crawford Station
Petersen, Andrew A., Crawford Station
Redmond, Frank L., Domestic Sales
Strumski, Frank J., Customers' Order
Weaver, Kirk T., Distribution
Williamson, John C., Crawford Station

Four "Old Timers" on Annuity Roll October 1

ROYDEN N. DAVIS, Construction Department, with 42 years and 4 months of service

ANTHONY W. MAY, Customers Order Department, with 34 years and 11 months of service

MICHAEL PAVLETICH, South District, with 19 years and 4 months of service

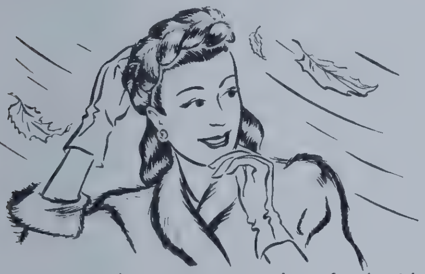
RICHARD J. ROTHWELL, Domestic Sales Department, with 44 years and 6 months of service.

The Women's Slant

By MARIE C. MEYERS

Attractive Hat Style

Fluent fur headgear in the shape of a coronet braid is one of the much sought after new hat styles. This braided fur is very fine for wear with fur coats.



Top your outdoor costume with a fur braid

Smart Neckline

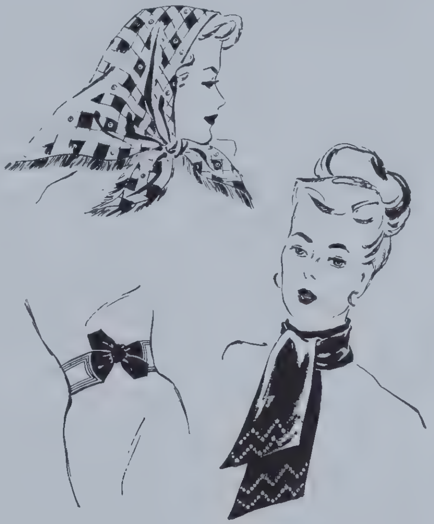
Jewelry and the high round neckline have a great affinity. The plain gold jewelry now in vogue is especially attractive with this line. If you sew your own, this is a good idea to keep in mind.

Hand in Glove

If it is a string glove, it is sure to be a smart hand. These bulky gloves are perfect for casual clothes and a breeze to launder. Add a matching string scarf and you'll have a practical and pretty accessory touch.

For Costume Glamour

Accessories often make the costume. Here are three charming extras for dressing up your ensemble—all simple to make. A square of checked taffeta, fringed and sequin-dotted, makes a sparkling kerchief worn on the head or about the neck. A length of black velveteen trimmed with beads and sequins doubles as a sash or ascot. Two contrasting fabrics joined together in a stitched belt make a handsome accessory for a sheer wool dress of simple cut. Directions for making these accessories are obtainable at Gas News office, Room 1245.



Be accesory-wise and catch your share of admiring glances

Mum Shows

From November 10 to December 1, the 34th Annual Chrysanthemum Show will be exhibited at the Garfield and Lincoln Park Conservatories. Approximately 20,000 Chrysanthemum plants of over 700 varieties will be shown. William C. Blaesing, Chief Horticulturist, says "that the 1946 MUM show will give us the largest and finest quality plant material ever exhibited at the conservatories." Admission is free. The Garfield Park Conservatory is located at Lake Street and Central Park Avenue; Lincoln Park Conservatory, Stockton Drive at Fullerton Avenue. For special guide service telephone Kedzie 1281.

Youthful Hat in Wool Crochet

This smart style in wood brown wool requires only two ounces of knitting worsted and a yard or two of colorful ribbon to make it. The girl who crochets can keep her millinery costs at low ebb by making her own hats. Try this design with the new smoother hair-do's. It's flattering. For directions call at Gas News Office, Room 1245.

You'll pert in this charming casual, simple to make crochet hat

Extending the Pipe

From Main to Meter

The supply trucks are loaded at the District Shop to supply the street crews with pipe and other equipment for their work.

In the last issue of the NEWS, we traced the origin and development of gas supply surveys, and how gas mains are planned, laid and connected. That procedure is generally followed in main work, regardless of the size or the amount of main being laid.

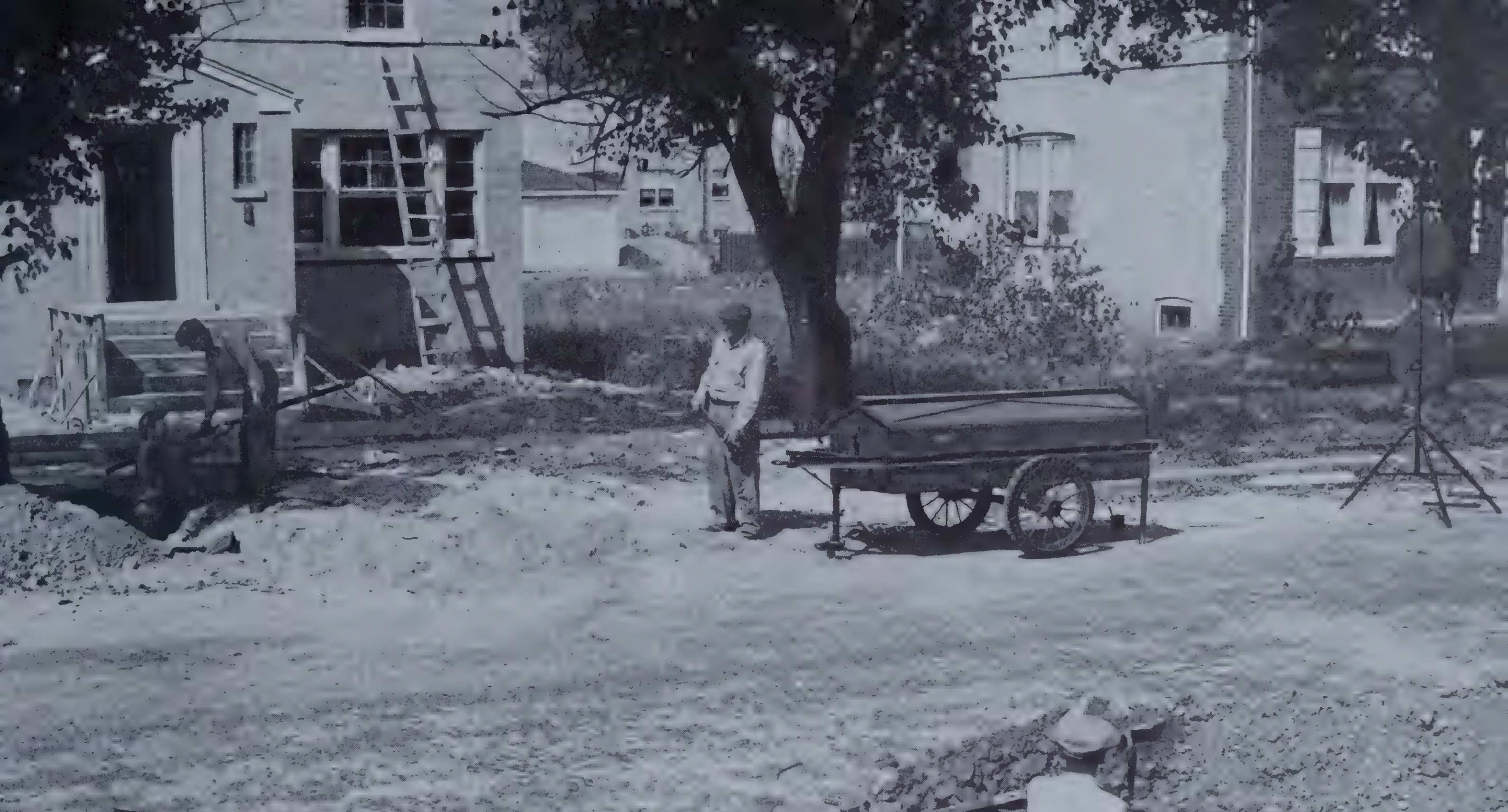
The next step in bringing the gas supply to customers is the installation of the service pipe, from the main, under street or sidewalk, and through the building foundation to the meter. New developments during recent years have simplified the installation and repair of service pipes, but good judgment and experience of the working crew is still a mighty important factor in a good installation.

For several years the Distribution Department has used the "M-scope" to locate mains and services underground. The same principle is used by the U. S. Army for its mine detectors, as any well informed G.I. Joe can testify.

Above, John Gallagher and Michael Coyne locate a street main with the "M-Scope," an electronic device.

Cutting and threading pipe is a common chore for men doing service pipe installation and repair. The pipe cutter is attached to the barrow.

John Condon, general street foreman at South District is shown making a visit to the scene of service pipe installation.



The general view above shows the trench leading to the street main in the foreground, and the trench across the street leading to the foundation wall of the building. The service pipe is pushed under the street. At the pushing machine in the above picture, is Battista Robatto, of South District.

At the present time about 25 new services are being "run" each day. At each location where the new pipe is to be laid, the supply truck arrives on the scene with the necessary tools, pipe, and other equipment necessary for the work. Except for the lengths of pipe, most of the equipment is packed in the "Barrow," or two-wheeled trailer, which is hauled to each job location.

The supply truck actually serves as a mobile supply base for several crews doing various jobs in the area. The driver of the truck breaks concrete when necessary, either in the street or at the building wall, locates the street main by means of the "M-Scope," and does other duties of a similar nature.

Unlike the situation involving the installation of a new main, the matter of service pipe installation does not involve an Engineering survey. After the order arrives at the Shop Office, the preliminary investigation rests with the District Shop General Street Foreman, and he also orders materials required

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and generally supervises the work from beginning to end.

New service pipes are mostly always installed after street and sidewalk paving has been completed. Also, the building must be constructed.

Pipe Pushed Under

Upon arrival at the location where the pipe is to be installed, the foreman reviews his work order, checks the address, inspects the location for the meter in the building, and determines the location of the supply main in the street. Then the crew makes a trench about 3 feet deep. A section of the pipe is threaded and a blunt plug is screwed on the end. The pipe is laid in the trench fastened to the pusher, the angle and direction of the pipe is checked, and the pushing operation is begun.

Joe Gheddoti was snapped tamping down the lawn after replacement of the grass. Joe retired a few days after the picture was taken.

The street crew must frequently run the $1\frac{1}{2}$-inch service pipe under the street and sidewalk, if possible without breaking the concrete. The "pusher" is a mechanical hand operated device which forces the pipe through the earth under the pavement until it reaches the opposite side. Care must be taken to make sure that the pipe begins its course at the right angle—although often unseen obstructions deflect the pipe and send it off in another direction.

If all goes well, the pipe approaches the building foundation at the right height. The compressor truck operator makes a small hole in the foundation wall, which is re-cemented after the pipe has been connected to the meter.

Gas men are becoming well known in the City for the care and dexterity they exercise in protecting the lawns of customers when it is necessary to dig a trench through them. Beautiful creeping bent lawns are taken up in small one foot squares without root damage.

All earth removed from the trench is placed on a sheet of canvas. After the job is completed the lawn is replaced and tamped down, each piece in its place. When the job is finished there is no evidence of the fact that the lawn had been disturbed.

The two top pictures on this page show a before and after view of a lawn that was taken up and replaced in the Beverly Hills district on the south side. The squares of grass were set aside on the sheet of canvas, and the earth removed was piled near the opening. In the picture immediately above, Joe Sebastiano is placing a shovelful in the pile.

At left, the supply truck is pictured as it stopped to pick up the street crew and their barrow trailer, to move them to a new location following the completion of a job.

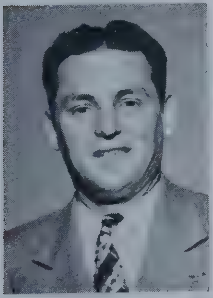
Back on the Job

After Serving with Uncle Sam

Elmer Stamm, engineer South Sales, was attached to the Navy Seabees for three years before being discharged as a chief boatswain's mate to resume civilian duties.

Elmer spent 27 months in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, New Hebrides, Bougainville, Guam, and Hawaii.

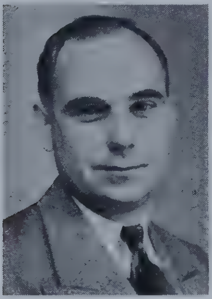
While Elmer saw plenty of action, his biggest surprise was his chance meeting with his co-worker, Jim Condon, on Guadalcanal.


Elmer Stamm

When *Earl Chouinard* rejoined the Company he was placed in the Customers Department as a trainee. Earl spent 27 months in the Navy and was released as an electricians mate, second class.

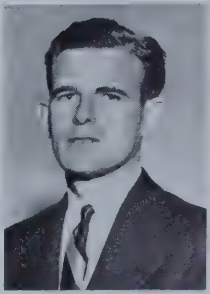
He was given an electrical course at the University of Minnesota and received advanced naval training on the gyro compass in California.

After his training Earl was assigned to a fleet tug which touched at Japan, Okinawa, Leyte, Manus, Ulithi, Saipan, Guam, Aniwetok, and Balau.


Earl Chouinard

During the 38 months *James Condon* was attached to the Navy Seabees he spent 26 of those months in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, and the Aleutians.

After being discharged as a warrant officer he returned to the Company and was assigned to his former position as an engineer in the South Sales Section.


James Condon

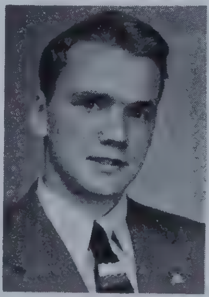
Jacob Voorn was a member of the Army Air Force for 37 months before he was discharged to return to the Company in his former capacity in the Dealer Section of the Domestic Sales.

As a first lieutenant Jack was attached to a proving ground command and acted as chief of the visual aids branch of the service.

Jacob Voorn

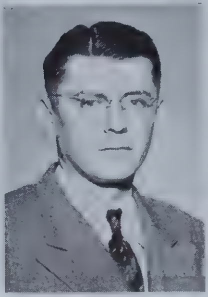
Walter Yoost, Treasury Receiving, says the only battling in which he participated during his stay in the Navy was during the baseball games in which he played as center fielder about twice a week while attending aviation school at Georgia Tech.

When he joined the Navy he intended to do his part, but fate intervened in the form of allied victory. As a result, Walter spent only four months in the service.


Walter Yoost

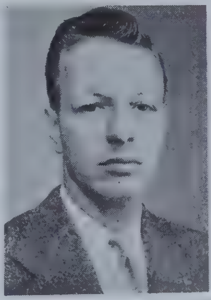
After spending 17 months of his 27 months in service in the European theatre of operations, *William Novy* was discharged from the Army field artillery. He reentered the Company and now works at South Sales as a salesman.

Bill was released from service as a supply sergeant, after being assigned to combat zones in Germany, France, Belgium, and Holland.


William Novy

Between January, 1943, and December, 1945, *William Meyer* was a member of the Army Air Corps spending a year in Hollandia, Biak, Mindoro, Luzon, Okinawa, and Japan.

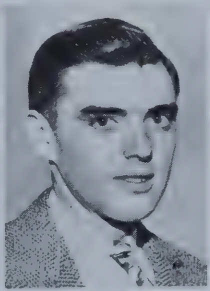
He was awarded an air medal for over 100 hours of combat flying as a pilot before he was discharged from the service and returned to the Company. When he returned he was placed in the Credit and Collection Department.


William Meyer

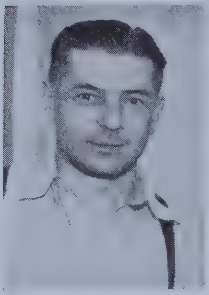
Thomas McCarthy was employed in the Library before he entered the Navy where he spent three years in an amphibious corps. Tom was transferred to South Sales when he left the service.

As a yeoman, second class, aboard ship, Tom was assigned to office and clerical duties.

In nine months his ship visited Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the Canal Zone, the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Tinian, Iwo Jima, and Wake Islands.


Thomas McCarthy

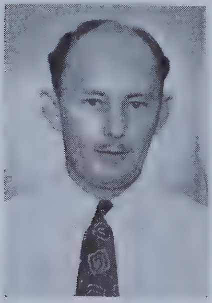
Joseph Hetzel is content to sit back and let others travel since he returned to North District after serving in Trinidad, Brazil, England, North Africa, Casablanca, Algiers, Tunisia, Bizerte, Bari, Italy, and Gibraltar.


Joseph Hetzel

Joe has 39 months of Navy service behind him. He was a boatswain's mate, second class, when he was released from the Navy.

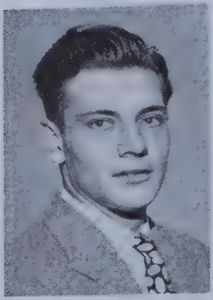
During his "stint" in the service, he shipped aboard a number of merchant vessels on which he was a member of the gun crew.

James Moroney, Distribution Department, has again resumed his place in the Company after being away on military leave for five years. During this time, he was connected with a corps of engineers in which he was battalion executive officer.


James Moroney

Jim, an Army major, spent two years in New Guinea, and the Philippine Islands. He says his most wonderful memory is the scene he encountered upon approaching the Golden Gate after his return from overseas. That memory will long be imbedded in the recesses of his mind.

When *Clifford Otto* returned to the Company he was assigned to the position of salesman at South Sales Section. He had formerly been a clerk in that Section.


Clifford Otto

Cliff was a member of the Army Air Corps for 40 months. At the time of his release from service he was a first lieutenant.

As such he performed his duties as a bombardier instructor at several large air training centers throughout the country where he was stationed.

MAIL-RECEIVING's *Ed Sandstrom* has rejoined his co-workers after almost three and one-half years in the Coast Guard.

Ed Sandstrom

Being a Sonar man third class, his duties involved the detection of enemy submarines.

Of those years in service, 29 months of his time were spent on a ship which docked at Africa, France, England, Central America, Bermuda, the Aleutians, Alaska, Russia, China, Japan, the Philippines, and Hawaii.

Arthur Schultz, North District, was an administrative officer when he was discharged from the service after serving 49 months in the corps of engineers.

Arthur Schultz

Previous to his induction, he was a member of Company A-108th engineers, and entered the Army as a sergeant.

At the completion of his service he was a first lieutenant. During 19 months of overseas service he traveled to Hawaii, India, Burma, and China.

John Pugh was a serviceman at North District before he entered the Army. When he returned he was assigned to the position of auto mechanic in the transportation Department.

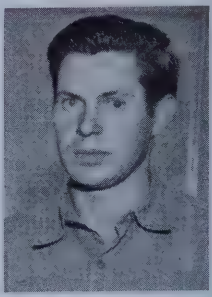
John Pugh

After serving almost four and one half years in the Army infantry, 33 months of which was spent overseas, he became a technician fourth grade.

John was sent to Africa, Sicily, Italy, and Nuremberg while overseas.

In addition to the usual ribbons bestowed on those who were in the service of their country, John was awarded a presidential citation, a bronze star, and Croix de Guerre.

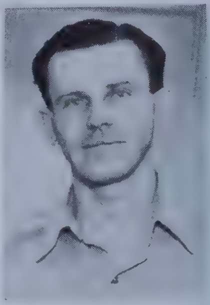
John Dunn spent four years in the Army infantry before he returned to the Company where he was reassigned to the North District.


John Dunn

As a rifleman, he spent two and one half years in Scotland, Wales, England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, and Germany.

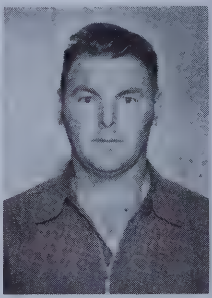
Among John's souvenirs is a purple heart which was added to his collection of ribbons when he was injured while fighting against the Germans.

Although *Richard Bergh*, North District, was willing to do his part by spending four and one half years in the Army, he was a mighty happy man when he was discharged as a private first class.


Richard Bergh

Dick spent 35 months overseas where he was a ward attendant in Army hospitals in Australia, New Caledonia, New Guinea, Biak Island, and Woodlark Island, all in the Pacific.

Walter Potts returned to the North District after a military leave of over two years in the Navy. As a shipfitter, third class, he welded, patched, straightened rudders, and performed other general repair work on the Navy's ships.


Walter Potts

Walter spent apapproximately 16 months overseas, shipping to New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, the Russell, Florida, and Marshall Islands, Leyte, Okinawa, and Hawaii.

His most thrilling experience concerns one trip he made to Leyte. As the boat neared the Beach, it capsized and he and his buddies had to literally "sink or swim." He says he seriously believed in that statement from there on in.

Edward Cody, Distribution Department, resumed his duties as a senior clerk in that department when he returned to the Company after his release from five months in the service of Uncle Sam's Army.

Ed was a member of the infantry and attended S-2 school for a time when he was stationed at Camp Adair, Oregon. He says his first tour of guard duty during basic training was the part of his Army career he remembers most vividly because the assignment was so different from anything he had ever done before.

Edward Cody

During the five years, *Harold Brownell* spent in the Army, he rose from captain to colonel. Upon his return to the Company he was again assigned to the South Sales as an engineer.

Harold spent 11 months in Hawaii, Aniwetok, Okinawa, Japan, and Korea. He had an opportunity to exert his diplomatic powers when he was appointed military governor of the northern half of Okinawa and when later he was made chief of the "local administration" section of the Korean government.

Harold Brownell

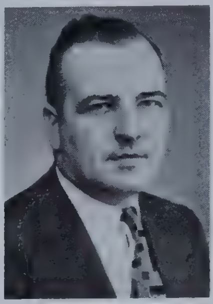
Nicholas McGrath, says when he joined the Army he walked into a "big opportunity to see the world." His army work enabled him to travel for a year through France, Germany, and Austria.

Nicholas, as a staff sergeant, was a member of a cavalry reconnaisance troop for approximately 43 months, but was happy to rejoin his friends in the Meter Reading Department when he returned.

Nicholas McGrath

Edward Windle did not get overseas before he was released from the Army as a staff sergeant, but he did his "duty" attached to a finance division in this country for four and one half years before he returned to the Credit and Collection.

He was fortunate enough to be stationed in the "big town," New York, on VE and VJ days, and he says people really did celebrate those two victories.


Edward Windle

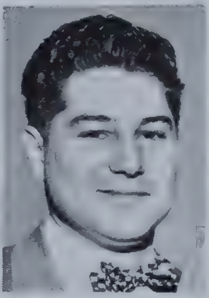
Lawrence O'Connor, Service Dispatching, says his Army career was merely two years cut out of his life and he is exceedingly happy to be home.

During much of that time he was assigned to Ft. Bragg, where he was a technical sergeant, classifying and assigning enlisted men to various kinds of work. Other camps at which he was stationed were: Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas, and Camp Mead, Maryland.

Lawrence O'Connor

Although *Rudolph Cernick's* memory of five years of Army experiences is gradually fading into the background, he still recalls vividly a good part of his time in the service.

Rudolph, who became a major, returned to work at South Sales Section upon his army release. He saw service in the Engineers and with Military intelligence on Hawaii, Guam, Saipan, Okinawa, and Japan.


Rudolph Cernick

After spending three years in the Army Air Force, *Carleton Claysen,* rejoined his co-workers in the Credit and Collection.

As a sergeant, Carleton handled airplane part supplies while he was stationed in England for two years.

He says the opportunity he had to fly over Germany at the end of the war seeing the devastation wrought by our accurate bombings was interesting.

Carleton Claysen

In the opinion of *William Burke,* Customer Accounting, the Counter Intelligence Department of the Army is by far the most interesting branch of the service. He was an investigator for this branch after he had completed his schooling of five months in Baltimore, Maryland.

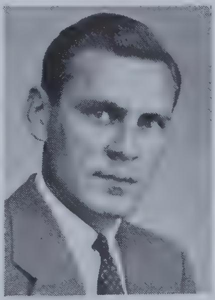
As a private, William spent 13 months in the Army, four months of which were spent in Japan traveling with teams all over Honshu, where he worked under the guise of a civilian. He found the work highly fascinating and states he had to perform none of the "deadly" chores the regular Army man encounters.

William Burke

Melvin Loehrke, who was a student engineer before he was given a military leave, has returned to the Company after spending four years in the Navy.

At the time of his release from service, he was a lieutenant who had worked at a Puget Sound Naval Ship Yard in charge of repairs and maintenance of aircraft carriers. Melvin was given an eight months course at a post graduate school in Annapolis, Maryland, to fit him for his work.

He enjoyed working on the "Bunker Hill" and the "Saratoga" when they were dry-docked for repairs, because they were so badly damaged he felt he had an opportunity to apply the training he had received for those jobs.


Melvin Loehrke

Departmental News Notes

Meter Reading

BY ANNA MAE KARLAK

MICHAEL RYAN, a former employe, came in to pay us a visit a short time ago and his likeness was so great to President Truman that we thought we would print it. Here he is pictured with his daughter. Mr. Ryan claims that the life of a pensioner is really tops. . . . Just a few lines from our vacationers: Harry Claussen reports having a wonderful time at Lake Muscatel . . . Daniel Glienna spent his vacation decorating his house. Now he is known as the "inferior decorator." . . . Jeanette had a grand time at Lake Ripley and in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and claims it was just too good to end. . . . Just to prove that the life of a meter reader is full of variety we report the incident that confronted "Nick" Damato. One day while reading meters he answered a woman's plea for help only to find the woman had caught her hair in a wringer while washing some clothes. He freed the woman and went on his way. As the old saying goes it's all in a day's work. . . . One more of our servicemen has returned, George Iwicki. George served in our armed forces for over two years in the South Pacific.

Michael Ryan and his daughter

Stores Warehouse

BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

IT WOULD BE WORTH your while to take a trip to the Warehouse to see how the interior has been beautified with ceilings painted white and the walls a delicate green. . . . We are sorry to report Francis Benham is confined to his home due to a broken bone in his foot. He will be home for some time, so let him hear from you occasionally. . . . Three more employes have earned cash awards for presenting valuable ideas to the Suggestion Committee—Rudolph Beuchel, Millard Keller, and Marie Lehmann are the fortunate ones. Keep up the good work; someday we may be able to hit the hundred mark. We regret to report the death of Francis Benham's mother and express our deepest sympathy.

Central District

BY J. (WOODY) WODNIAKOWSKI

THE YOUTHFUL APPEARANCE of John Curtin belies the report that he is again a grandpa. However, the fact is proven and is also attested by his big smile and the proud gleam in his eye. . . . Archie Wharton boasted of the fishing spots he knew. To prove it, he sent a box full of fish to the Central District Shop. Thank you. . . . Charles Thome has some explaining to do to his friends. As I am told, he had made out of city plans for his vacation and an unforeseen circumstance caused a delay in his return. . . . We extend our sympathy to George Kazunas on the loss of his father. Though George is not at Central Shop at present his many friends still regard him as part of it. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Arthur Strohm. His ready smile and counsel is missed hereabouts. . . . The cool breezes remind us of the coming of winter so proper preparations are necessary.

Statistical

BY ELMER J. MICHAELS

THE "STIX" bid farewell and good luck to Eileen Merrill who left the Company September 13. . . . Feature vacation of the month was the trip Helen McMillan made to South America. No doubt Helen would like to add her own version to the popular song, "South America, Take It Away," to "South America, Bring It All Back." . . . George Morgan was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the American Statistical Association. Along with Mr. Morgan's nomination, Helen Farrell was appointed Co-Chairman of the Meeting Arrangements.

Meter Shop

BY G. D. BURNS

ON AUGUST 19, Edwin Arnswald a long time employe of the Meter Shop died suddenly at his work. To his brother, William, also employed at the Meter Shop, his wife, and family we offer our deepest sympathy. . . . Vincent Szalkoski entered the ranks of retired employes August 23. Vincent was first employed at the Old Koppers Plant, now Crawford Station. He had more than 20 years service being employed January, 1926. He was presented with a fitting testimonial by his associates at the Shop, along with best wishes for a long and well earned rest. . . . Clifford O'Hara surprised his pals when he announced over the telephone September 9 that he was the proud father of a bouncing baby boy. Congratulations to you, Cliff, and Mrs. O'Hara. We also enjoyed the smokes. . . . Thomas Belcik, a newcomer at Meter Shop, who returned after a long period in the Army, was married to a beautiful Southwest side Belle on September 14.

Vincent Szalkoski

Customers

BY PAUL STROM

THE CUSTOMER'S DEPARTMENT was very well represented at the Golf outing held at Gleneagles. Although Dick Cahill shot an 88 for the lowest score for our group, he didn't get in on the prizes. The lucky winners were Bill Cepek, John Hackemer, Charlie Sullivan, and Gene Sommer. By the way, Gene, what did you do with those nylons? . . . We extend our heartiest congratulations to Harry Shanks on his promotion to supervisor. . . . Jack Cornelius and his wife flew to Wichita, Kansas, and from there toured the south by auto. . . . Ed Zoltowski visited St. Paul, while Joe Marasia, Libby Marciniak, and Jake Drummer, just stayed around the "Windy City," . . . Harry and Mrs. Shanks drove to Florida to see their son Harry, Jr., who is a flying cadet in Uncle Sam's Navy.

General Accounting

BY LUCILE NOFTSKER

VACATIONS ARE MERELY happy thoughts for most of us. Vouchers Payable Group visited all sections of the country as follows: Corinne Cleban, the West, Mary McLaughlin, the East, Bea Lach and Lois Lang, the North, and Ed. O'Meara the sunny South. They welcome Caryle Oedzes into the section from the Credit and Collection Department. . . . We are all happy to hear that Alice Lipps is recovering from a painful fall and will be back to work soon. . . . The traffic cops on Route 12 are able to relax now that John Blaney has completed those Friday night trips to his cottage in Wisconsin. It seems that the old Maxwell couldn't develop enough revolutions to keep ahead of normal traffic and caused them no end of trouble. We suggest trying Aeroplane gas next season, John. . . . Eleanor Coambs won the women's prize at the Fall Golf Tournament with a fine 87. The girls' bowling team captained by Alice Root got off to a flying start by winning three games the first night. Evidently the cow bell serenading they received from fellow employes was music to their ears. . . . This picture explains how Joe Thurber is spending his spare time and money these days. If you doubt the latter part of this statement "Ask the man who owns one," namely Higgins, Madiol O'Meara, Riley, Schultz, Stella, Walsh and Woods who all have models about this age. . . . The facetious award of a medal emblematic of the 1945 fishing championship by the members of The Corey Lake Club to John Gerski boomeranged during the Club's annual outing recently. John was not only completely unembarrassed during the presentation, which took place before a hilarious assembly of all guests, but reacted like a true champion by landing more fish during the week than his rivals. His strenuous efforts during the contest week last year had yielded him but one fish which was returned to water for a chance to grow a bit.

Richard Thurber

Archives

BY R. C. FITZSIMMONS

VACATIONS are dwindling out as Al Slawnikowski closes the books with two weeks of good house painting weather we feel a new atmosphere of our "beehive" workers about the Archives. Reason for this is that we have added nine men from the Credit and Collection Department and one from the Customers Order Department to our roster on a special job which promises several months' work. Welcome, men, and may your stay be as pleasant as we know your help is useful to us. . . . Annuitant Frank Heatter paid us a visit last week and looks the best we have seen him look since he left five years ago. Frank has just returned from a visit to the farm country north of Winnipeg, Canada, and enjoyed the long journey as much as in younger years. . . . Wm. Raden was another surprise visitor. Bill has been on the sick list since April and was able to walk with the aid of a cane. He looks fine and shows splendid spirit for the suffering he is enduring and we certainly hope he will be back in form very shortly.

Service Dispatching

BY GEORGE KAZUNAS

TWENTY FIVE: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walsh, Marge and Frank to their friends, recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Contrary to popular fallacy that marriages don't last, here is proof-positive of a happy couple who have raised a family in spite of all dire predictions. We are all of us happy to wish them long years of happiness. . . . FALL: The nice, hazy days of autumn make us thankful for the warm summer which just passed. Whenever you can spare the moment, take an extra-deep breath of spicey, tangy air. It's a tonic that adds pleasure to being alive and makes you feel that all's right with the world!

North District

BY JOHN LAWRISUK

WE WISH TO EXPRESS our deepest sympathy to Joseph Schwarz whose mother died recently. . . . SICK LIST NEWS: Eddie Gallagher is back on the job after recovering from a case of blood poisoning. . . . Jim Welling is in St. Anthony's Hospital due to a sinus condition. . . . Joseph Maude is now home after a long siege in the hospital with a fractured hip. . . . Charlie Simon, Ray Paez, and Jim Fitzpatrick are still off, but we hope to see them back before long. . . . John Seng and Carl Adams celebrated their 25th and 29th Service Anniversaries respectively on September 13, and did the "right thing." Yes, sir, that ice cream and cake "shore" was good. Congratulations to both of you. . . . Roy Timm's daughter, Jean, became the bride of Richard Joy, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Magnolia and Diversey, on September 7. Our best wishes to both of the newlyweds.

Pictured above are Charles LeForge, Marge Carlin, Mary Hynan, Jack Sullivan, Bill Fullam and Ed Toussaint, a few of those who had fun at the Finance and Personnel Division Golf Tournament.

Purchasing

BY HELEN LAMEIKA

HERE WE ARE folks—at least most of us from our department. Capturing this group as one unit was accomplished at the Finance and Personnel Division Golf Tournament held at Sportsman Golf Club. The scores for the men ranged from 94 to 104 and those were good considering the fact that there was an apple tree in the way. . . . Jim Bouchier has had two weeks of vacation just playing golf, making a few short trips and taking it easy. . . . Charlie LeForge headed to Pembine, Wisconsin, to spend several days golfing and absorbing his time in other recreation arranged for the Stag Party. . . . Ed Toussaint angled his way around in the waters of Spooner, Wisconsin, during his vacation. . . . Once again George Scent came in to visit us, and we still maintain that he looks better and more relaxed now than ever. Come in and visit often, George.

Domestic Sales

BY RITA NORRIS

"GROOM OF THE MONTH" is our own Bill Savage who was married to Betty Carney on September 14 in a nuptial ceremony at St. Bride's Church. "Barney" Wittmann presented Bill with a table-sized radio as a wedding gift from the department. The newlyweds are spending a two-week honeymoon in Miami, Florida, with our best wishes for lots of happiness. . . . The welcome mat was dusted off for Frances Carr, formerly of Typing and Duplicating and ex-navy man Victor Gabrielsen, formerly with the Customer Accounting Department. . . . Best of luck to Tom Dimond who was transferred to the North Sales Section this month. . . . Now that the plaster has stopped flying and the aroma of fresh paint has disappeared, we're all pleased with the result of five weeks' havoc in the department while the carpenters did a reconversion job on the Sales Department. There's nothing like a change of scenery to give a new interest to work. The place "sho" does look nice.

Research and Testing

BY GEORGE M. DOWSE

'TIS OCTOBER AGAIN FOLKS; October with its bright blue weather, the aroma of burning dead leaves, colorful football games, World's Series, Indian Summer, Halloween, witches, and black cats. Yes, October is the best month of the year. . . . When Hugh Ferguson returned from a three weeks' fishing trip, was his face red! It seems that Hugh tried fishing in every part of Plum Lake and caught a few pan fish; while his fourteen year old son merely threw a line in the water from a pier and caught several two pound bass, and a couple of twenty-seven inch Northern pike. Hughie is still pounding his head on the table and screaming, "there ain't no justice." . . . Stanley Modzikowski has just returned from a wonderful trip to San Francisco, where he served as National Delegate from the State of Illinois at the American Legion National Convention. This is quite an honor, and some day we expect to see Stanley's name in the political headlines.

Auditing

BY ESTHER STREBEL

SOMETHING NEW has been added to the Auditing Department—a cute little Irish colleen named Norine Doyle. Welcome to our ranks, Norine. . . . Pictured are two more cute little ones belonging to Harold Murphy. Both look like future pin-up material. . . . The Auditing Department extends its sympathy to Marge Rodwick on the recent death of her brother. . . . People evidently don't know summer is over because they're still going on vacations. Mary Richards just came back from "Cool Colorado," which must have been cooler than she had planned because she came back early. Our much-traveled Lou Kuhn took in New England and the wilderness of New York City. We understand it's a pretty exciting place. Joe Weber and Arvid Lund also had vacations. Your scribe wasn't able to get any details because they're off again; this time to view the grandeur of the mighty coal piles at Crawford. Their traveling companions are John Thorne and Art Gramse. Bet the boys look cute in navy dungarees and black makeup. Ruth Robinson spent one week of her vacation between Chicago and Milwaukee. E. M. Lindsey spent part of his vacation in Kentucky; we saw evidence in the form of Arv Lund's photography that some of the time he, Arv Lund, and Harold Winzer enjoyed the cool comfort of the Lindsey back porch.

Harold Murphy's youngsters, David and Harriet.

Employe Relations

BY MIRIAM NELSON

VACATION SEASON found many tourists and sightseers among our Employe Relations family. Merrill Flatner visited in Minnesota, Louise Gallimore stayed at Paw Paw Lake, while Frances Gorman sun bathed on the shores of Long Beach, Indiana. Marvin Cox went far up in the north woods to Laona, Wisconsin, and Marian Bryant ventured westward to sunny California. Yet, it seems as though this summer was a profitable one for everyone. This fact was especially true at the Gas Club outing on September 7. Leslie Brandt was the lucky winner of a glass coffee maker, and Yvonne Hewitt received a lovely windbreaker jacket for her low gross score in golf. . . . Ernest Beaumont and Elmer Christell will attend the American Gas Association convention the week of October 7 to 11 at Atlantic City. . . . We heard that Wedding Bells rang for Betty Jane Carlson, formerly of Employe Records, on August 17. It was then she exchanged her name for that of Mrs. William Johnson. Loads of Good Wishes!

Methods and Routines

BY E. W. REGAN

GERTRUDE GAMMIE spent her vacation at a dude ranch in,—of all places,—Michigan. Whether the establishment is an apple ranch, a grape ranch, or some other type has not been made clear by Miss G. . . . Shirley Richardson divided her vacation between a lake in southern Michigan and a beach house in the Indiana dunes. . . . Clark Jahn reports a one week vacation spent at home, where he probably got more rest than those of us who wandered farther afield. . . . The fragrance of burning midnight oil will soon be noticed at the homes of Bob Huck, Don Ketcham, Merlin Smith, and yours truly. We are all signed up for Northwestern University evening classes.

Photographic

BY HARRY YOUNG

BILL BEUKE RETURNED from his two week sojourn to Portland, Oregon, where he visited some of his ex-Army buddies and the beauties of the Pacific Northwest. Tales of scenic splendors were enhanced by the pictures Bill camera'ed during his stay. . . . "Chief" Vic Knitter will give a few Industrial Photography lectures at Northwestern University this fall for their Journalism classes. . . . Vic recently, with the aid of Elmer Beckwith, erected a new transmitting and receiving beam antennae for the former's "ham" radio station. Passersby are bewildered by the new contraption. . . . Our photogs attended the National Photographers in town last month. The interesting lectures, huge arrays of color displays and post-war equipment were well worth a looksee. Seeing what "the other fellow is doing" offers more incentive and experimentation on our part.

Bill Beuke is not trying to usurp the "Hobo King's" crown, but he does like to roam occasionally.

Typing and Duplicating

BY AVIS SUMMERS

INSTEAD OF GIRLS leaving school to go to work, Antoinette (Tony) Ciszewski leaves work to go to Wright Jr. College. She is going to take up journalism. The best of luck to you, Tony. . . . Pat Mooney, now Mrs. Pat Gruble, was married on Labor Day. Two days later her husband left for the Army. Congratulations on your marriage, Pat, but we are sorry that hubby had to leave so soon. . . . Two more girls are welcomed into the Typing Section. They are Rose Matuchek and Arlene Matousek. . . . Luck was with Catherine Crawford last August. She had two dollars and placed a bet on a long shot at Washington Park. . . . Vacations: Leo Mielcarek went up to the North Woods in Wisconsin and came back with some fish stories. . . . Josephine Walsh went to Colorado Springs where she had a very enjoyable time, and Marion Brown is spending her vacation in Detroit, Michigan.

Chicago By-Products

BY MARGARET VAN NEST

We in Coke Sales are so accustomed to thinking in superlatives regarding Koppers Coke that this tendency to surpass in whatever line of endeavor has spread to the families of our employes. To explain: At the annual Union County State Fair held at Anna, Illinois, Mrs. John Kirkpatrick captured eleven blue ribbons and two second prizes out of thirteen entries of her work in needlepoint, petitpoint, crochet, etc. The samples which Kirk brought for our inspection showed originality of design as well as excellent workmanship and we can readily concur in the judges' decision. . . . On September 5, Mrs. Charles Joseph Zeller presented Charlie with another "initial-sake," Constance Joan, 6 lbs. 8¾ ounces. Their other daughter, Carolyn Jean, will be four in October. . . . Then there's Martin (Mac) McCauley, with his thirstivating, tastivating peaches which he raises on his farm home in Wheaton. Our mouths water every time we think of those samples, Mac.

Peoples Gas Building

BY MARGE BROWN

The 1946–47 Elevator Operator's bowling season opened September 12, with all the boys sporting brand new shirts. Number one team consisting of Rudy Martos, Scotty White, Joe Prokopek, Claude Knicely, and the captain, Bruno Jaroch, spotted number two team, consisting of Christ Glockler, Rocco DeLeonardis, John Sweeney, Roy Slater, and the captain, Jack Frick, 66 points, but, alas Frick's team breezed through the three games without the use of the extra pins in two of them and won the prize offered by the Purdy Company who are tenants in the Building. . . . A speedy recovery to Mary Cerny, who has been absent because of illness for several weeks. . . . We are thinking seriously of giving a Y.M.C.A. membership card to Frank Cimmarusti so he can limber up before repairing his roofs—also a first-aid kit for after use. . . . Fred Lorenz, Tony Bocklitz, Bill Murray, and Christ Glockler went to Lake Delavan, Wisconsin, to see George Sinda on Sept. 14. The trip home took six hours because of two blow-outs, and two flat tires. So the story goes.

Calumet

BY JOHN DRYSDALE

Calumet Station lost one more of its few remaining bachelors when Dan Desmond took the vows with Dolores Ann Leahy at the St. Felicitas Church on Saturday morning, September 14. Following a very nice reception that night they left for Colorado on their honeymoon. Dolores and Dan have our heartiest congratulations. . . . Art Johnsen is back at the old grind again after enjoying a three weeks' tour of the east. Art went fishing several times while he was gone and we are expecting to hear him making plans for next year's vacation so that he can get another chance to get some of those big ones that got away. . . . Ed Flynn returned from the West Coast where he attended the American Legion Convention. Ed stopped off in Hollywood for a few days to visit his friend Jan Savitt, the orchestra leader. . . . Wilton Brown is offering his services, gratis, to anyone interested in learning the art of bowling. Wilton hit the pins for a 626 series the first night of his league competition.

Credit and Collection

BY ELEANOR MCPARTLIN

Patrick Edgeworth won first prize, a caddy cart, for the men's low gross score at the Fall Gas Club Golf Tournament at Gleneagles. . . . Jerry Wasson and his committee deserve a pat on the back for the fine job they did on the Customers Service Division Golf Tournament at White Pines. . . . Good luck to Bill Meyer, Earl Chouinard, and Edward Windle, who have transferred to various departments. . . . Congratulations to John Bowler who became father of a 9½ pound baby girl; mother and daughter are reported doing nicely. . . . We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives of Edward Breen, who died on September 1. Ed served the Company for 35 years. . . . Excitement reigns among the girls in our department as Grace Whited and yours truly begin the 1946–1947 Girls' Bowling League. . . . What is the song Marge Sullivan has been humming around the office lately—it couldn't be "California, Here I Come!" . . . Received a note from Chester White recently saying that he is enjoying his new home in Miami, Florida. His wife and eight year old son are with him and he would like to hear from some of his old friends. Drop him a line at 1734 N.W. 15th Street, Miami, Florida.

Customers Order

BY CARL W. HAASE

Pinch hitting for Robert Potthoff who is on the sick list and as this column goes to press, may we find Bob back with us. . . . Anthony May ended a long career October 1 when he left his post at the telephone order table to begin his well earned retirement. The phrase "begin his retirement," is deliberate and well considered—other people may just retire, meaning that they become inactive, but no one who knows "Tony" would make the mistake of thinking that his will be an ordinary retirement. Being a native of Chicago, Tony's Company career covers a span of over 35 years, starting in the Arc Lamp and Trimming Department, then to the General Order Department. Few of the highlights remembered by Tony is when he assisted the late Vice President, William Rudd turning on the 900,000th meter in 1928, also the days when he read all the meters at the last World's Fair. A farewell dinner was given by his co-workers and a gift was presented by Al. Ouimet, President of the Harmony Club. It is not a good-bye, Tony, as we will be happy to see you any time. . . . Wedding bells chimed for Maude Bollard October 5 and a farewell dinner party and gift were given at the Corner House September 17 by her many friends. Best of luck to you Mrs. Leonard Wahler. . . . At the recent Gleneagles Golf Tournament, lucky Jimmy Carr won a 3 golf ball door prize. . . . Magdaline (Midge) Mandik is back to work, a little light on the right side where they chiseled out a little bug "appy."

William Rudd (deceased) and Anthony May in a picture taken in 1928, are shown turning on the Gas Company's 900,000th meter.

Messenger Service

BY HARRY K. FOX

We welcome two new young men to the Messenger Service. They are: William Melvin, a graduate of Hirsch High School, and Arnold Huebner, a graduate of St. Mels. . . . Urban Stucker has returned from his vacation and brought back with him a fine string of fish. Otto Hubal, who is vacationing in Minnesota, is also expected to return with some fish. Jack Ball spent his two weeks at Eagle River and Kasimer Katutis is taking his well earned rest for those two weeks. Enjoy that rest, fellows. It only happens once a year. Dick Fallbacher was promoted to the Mail Division and we sure do wish him the best of luck.

Treasury-Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

Latest couple to become a family are the McGough's, Tom and Mary, who welcomed wee Mary Catherine on August 8. . . . The other bundle the stork was carrying about that time was deposited an the Al Haag's doorstep. "Daddy" Haag is vague about the baby's time of arrival, name, weight, etc., but he says it's a girl. Number three on the hit parade at the Bob Stevenses, who welcomed Bobby, Jr., on August 30. Congratulations to all three sets of happy parents. . . . One wedding to report—that of June Kinney to Bob Van Buskirk on August 10. The new Mr. and Mrs.' future plans include a honeymoon in Wisconsin and an indefinite stay in Denver. Sounds like two honeymoons to me. Best of luck, you two! . . . Shirley Canter has a beautiful diamond on her third-finger-you-know-what-hand and some big plans for the early part of next year. Yep, that's when those wedding bells will ring for "Shirl" and her Carlton Webb. Carlton is a Montgomery, Pennsylvania, man, I hear. Lots of luck, Kids! . . . Best wishes also to Arty Fefes and Wally Vander Vort who will middle-aisle it on March 16. Chalk up another bulls-eye for Peoples Gas's Cupid 'cause these two did much of their courting between these four old walls.

Customer Accounting

BY JESS OLSON

BOOKKEEPING

Our girl bowling enthusiasts herald another season with Evelyn Witt as chairman. Our department is well represented with six teams enrolled. We wish them a successful year. . . . Welcome back to William Burke after spending 14 months of service in the Army, 4 months of which were spent in Japan. . . . Joe McNerney has been loaned again to the Community Fund for their 1946 Campaign. . . . The little man pictured here is John Andretich, Jr., who visited the office recently and the many friends he made will be glad to know that he has just celebrated his 3rd birthday. . . . Bring 'em back alive—so they may be stuffed. Pictured here is Arthur Lerch with one of his prize collections. We hear he is all set for the hunting season and wish him good shooting. . . . The southland is calling fall vacationers. Anxious to answer is Dorothy Taylor who will fly to Mexico and then proceed by boat to Guatemala where she will spend most of her vacation. We know you will have many interesting tales to tell, Dorothy, and we will be looking forward to your return. . . . California gave Al Schwartz the high sign and he responded by relaxing in that sunny state for two weeks. . . . While on the other side of the continent, Ann Byrne will be basking in the sunshine and seeping in the wonderous beauty of Florida. . . . A trip down the Mississippi into the heart of the Bayou Country intrigued Esther Horak and she spent many a day enjoying the scenic beauty. . . . Prefering to let the northern states help her enjoy her vacation is Dolores Felten who will drive to Washington, D.C., to get a glimpse of the White House and then on to Canada. Also enjoying Canada's age old interest was Robert Ross who motored to Toronto. . . . The barren deserts and cactus plants beckoned Harriet Monahan as she drove to view the autumn delights of the west. . . . Enjoying his leisure days in Indianapolis, Indiana, was Frank Pfeifer. Rita Gallagher also started her vacation in Indianapolis and finished up at her parents' cottage in Antioch. . . . Margaret Sullivan chose beautiful Pistakee Bay for her Indian summer fun.

John Andretich, Jr.

Arthur Lerch is no "stuffed shirt" but he does collect stuffed pheasants.

RECEIPTS

Lorraine Borich received a beautiful diamond ring from George Kristoff. They plan to be married in March. . . . Rose Mikos is back after a belated honeymoon in Wisconsin. . . . We welcome to the Receipts, Yvonne Svec and Dolores Getz. . . . Here's for a speedy recovery for Carolyn Szubka, who has been ill for the past month.

KEY PUNCH

We welcome new employes, Virginia Gaucan, Helen Kamm, and Constance Brannigan. . . . The light reflected in Edith Russ' eyes is from the diamond she is now wearing. . . . Ruth Kath is still on the sick list and we hope she will be back with us soon. . . . Vacationists include, Luella Johannsen who has been basking in the California sunshine, Lura Robinson chose her home town of Tolucka, Illinois, to spend her vacation, while Irene Getz made a trip to the Smokies. . . . Marge Sheppard took that long walk down the church aisle with Francis May, a former employe, October 5.

TABULATING

Fred Hartman went on a vacation to get away from it all but at Baraboo, Wisconsin, near the Dells, managed to "run into" John and Jane Smit on their honeymoon. . . . Mary Rivet's son, Jim, had an appendicitis operation. We hope for his rapid recovery so that he can begin his freshman studies. . . . Charles Hamburg did very well on his vacation in Maine by catching some very large tuna. . . . Robert Knudsen paid us a visit to tell us he is continuing his pre-medical course at DePaul. . . . Mary Al Greene's son, John, is to be married October 12 in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smit

South Sales

BY ELMER J. STAMM

Your reporter has completed his vacation and is all pepped up for another twelve months of duty. . . . Art Kay has gone to Oregon for his vacation and primarily to visit his son. . . . Howard Baer and Joe Volkstorf were loaned to North Sales; we have missed them during these last few weeks. . . . Have you wondered why Roy Munroe's secretary, Angeline Navigato, is so radiantly happy these days? Her fiance is back in the States after twenty months in the South Pacific. . . . Herman Schefcsik, our dispatcher, was summoned to the Federal Grand Jury. You're wrong—he was not indicted, but is merely serving as a juror. . . . Walter Rigney and James Eldridge have joined our Sales force; we wish them much success. . . . Anabel Jones, recently graduated from the Iowa State University is a new member of our Home Service Staff. Welcome and good cooking!

Old Stack Comes Down

Employes working at or near the west side of the Gas Building have witnessed the removal piece-by-piece of the huge steel smoke stack which was attached to the Building by means of iron girders, and may have wondered if it was a part of the building heating plant.

The stack, which really is a part of the heating plant of the building across the alley, was constructed at the time the Gas Building was built, in 1910, for the purpose of keeping the smoke from a short stack from blowing into the windows of the Company's building. The stack was being removed because the building which formerly used it is purchasing its heat from another source.

FALL DANCING PARTY OCTOBER 26

Terrace Casino of Morrison to be scene of Club event

THE GAS CLUB committee on arrangements, upon hearing a chorus of comment in favor of staging a fall party at the Terrace Casino of the Morrison Hotel, have reserved that space for Saturday, October 26.

Dancers will glide to the tune of Romeo Meltz, who will be remembered as the musical director of Olson & Johnson's side-splitter—"Laffn Room Only."

Master of ceremonies will be Bill Dornfield, who has been president of the Society of American Magicians for four years. Dick Drake, the sad Siberian, will provide an endless line of comedy, while the Brusettes dance team, fresh from Mexico City, will present a repertoire of dance numbers second to none. Ada Lynn, formerly of "Our Gang Comedies," comedienne of "Polonaise," will do impersonations in her inimitable style, while Al Gault promises a series of "hair-raisers" during his acrobatic novelty act.

Tickets will be limited to two for each employe, and only a limited number will be sold at 60 cents each, on a "first come, first served" basis. Those who plan to attend this big Gas Club event are urged to purchase their tickets early.

The six dancing beauties above constitute the Brusettes Dance Team, which will entertain at the Club's party on October 26.

Social Agencies Plea for Spare Time Help

DO YOU HAVE some "time on your hands"? If so, and you wish to volunteer three or four hours of service one day a week to a worthy cause, call Mrs. Peterson, placement secretary, at Dearborn 4220, of the Volunteer Bureau of the Council of Social Agencies, 105 West Adams Street. She will endeavor to find suitable volunteer work for candidates in their own neighborhood.

This volunteer work falls into six categories—friendly visitors, nursery school helpers, hospital workers, settlement and neighborhood house aids, special escort service volunteers, and office workers.

The friendly visitors are asked to befriend and visit shut-ins and incapacitated persons known to the social agencies.

Nursery school helpers are asked to assist one morning a week in nursery school. Day nurseries also need volunteers who have had child care training or its equivalent.

Hospitals can use volunteers who are interested in openings in clinics and wards whether they have had previous hospital training or not.

Afternoon programs of settlement and neighborhood houses desire many volunteers for work with children.

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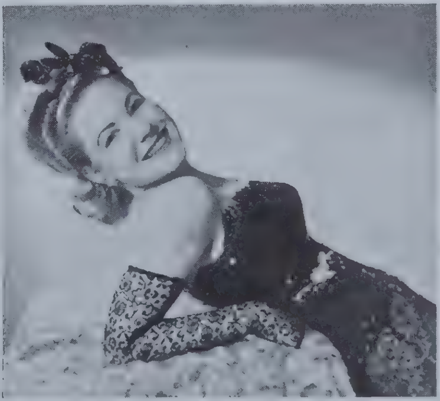
At left, is Bill Dornfield, master of ceremonies, and at right, Dick Drake, one of the comedians in the show.



Above, Ada Lynn, comely mimic impersonator, who is a headliner on the party planned for the Terrace Casino of the Morrison Hotel.

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Gas Men Laud Club Party Program

- In the circle, Songstress Edith Elasho, one of the entertainers at the Club's men's Party, pauses for a round of applause, as entertainment chairman Jess Olson moves across the stage.

- At the top of the page and to the right, Magician Bill Baird opens his bag of tricks, using two assistants who volunteered from the audience. Benny Sharp, orchestra leader, can be seen in the background. A typical group of card players at the party shown above, consists of, left to right, Owen Fee, James Kirkwood, Robert Potthoff, Cyril Race, William Hill, Walter Lang, and an unidentified guest.

- The photo at left, and the one above it show a view of the crowd during the entertainment and at the time refreshments were served.

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THERE may have been times when employes were asked the question, "how long will the country's supply of natural gas last?" GAS magazine, in an article published recently, sheds some interesting light on the subject. According to the article, the discovery of new reserves of natural gas and the development of new methods for reducing waste, assure supplies adequate to satisfy the needs of consumers for many years to come.

Approximately ten years ago, the estimated natural gas reserve was 66 trillion cubic feet. In the year between January 1, 1945, and the first of 1946, the estimated reserves have risen about 4 trillion cubic feet, even though its use has accelerated greatly during that time.

Following a comprehensive 2-year study of the nation's natural gas resources, experts have placed the volume of estimated gas reserves at 200 trillion cubic feet. This estimate does not cover possible increased reserves in the future, however. In most instances, natural gas has been found as a by-product of the intense search for oil, and it can be assumed, according to the article, that future oil prospecting will result in the discovery of natural gas reserves in the same ratio to the discovery of oil reserves, as has been true in the past.

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MOST hobbyists place their activities under the heading of recreation, and yet others extract a cash income from their spare time avocation as an additional incentive. Others feel that they have reached the peak of the accomplishment when, after many hours of tedious work, they receive some recognition for their proficiency. The story of Annuitant Walsh, on page 15 of this issue is an example.

Soon, the NEWS will begin a series of picture presentations of employes who ride the hobby horse. If you have a hobby, please notify the NEWS.

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IN 1621, GOVERNOR BRADFORD of the Pilgrim Colony decreed a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing after the scanty crop had been gathered in. Meagre as was their fare during those times, the colonists were sincere in their appreciation for that which was available.

Thanksgiving Day of 1946 promises to be a bountiful one, with a large turkey crop, and plenty of trimmings for all Americans who celebrate the event as a rich tradition in their national life.

Photo by a staff photographer
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New Job Analysis and Evaluation Completed and Placed in Effect

In the latter part of 1945 the Company retained the services of the Business Research Corporation, Management Engineers, to make an analysis and evaluation of salaried office positions within the Company excluding executive, administrative and professional classifications.

The Business Research Corporation had made a similar analysis and evaluation in prior years, the Company itself making adjustments since then from time to time. The purpose of the current study was to bring this subject up-to-date.

In the course of the current study the Business Research Corporation obtained descriptions of job duties from executives, department heads, supervisors and many employes so as to enable them to evaluate the jobs on the basis of the method generally employed in such undertakings. They also made an independent and thorough survey of comparable salary data among numerous other companies in this community.

Study Completed in September

This extensive study was completed by the Business Research Corporation on September 6, 1946 and after a careful review by the Executive Council of the recommendations submitted, they were officially placed in effect on October 16, 1946.

The assignment to the Business Research Corporation was solely for the purpose of establishing proper minimum and maximum salaries for the various jobs and not for the purpose of recommending any individual salary adjustments.

The adoption of these recommendations did not of itself involve any change in the current rates of pay of individual employes except for the comparatively few whose rates were found to be less than the new minimums established for their respective classifications. Salary adjustments have already been made for this small group. The maximum rates applicable to the great majority of jobs were increased but this will involve no change in the compensation of individual employes except as merit increases are approved from time to time.

Titles assigned to some jobs were changed. Maximum rates for a minor number of jobs were left unchanged and in some jobs the maximums were reduced. In no case has any employe suffered nor will he suffer a reduction in compensation as a result of this study.

All employes rendering satisfactory service who are receiving less than $160 per month will receive salary increases of $5.00 per month at three month intervals up to $135.00, and thereafter a salary increase of $5.00 per month every six months up to $160.00. Increases in compensation affecting employes of the Company, other than those increases previously referred to which largely affect employes of relatively short service, will be granted on the basis of appraisal of individual work performance.

The Management believes that the new minimum and maximum salary ranges are fair and equitable and in general conformity with such ranges now existing in the Chicago area.

Waddick New Asst. to Vice President; Redfield, Wasson Are Promoted

James G. Waddick, former superintendent of the Credit and Collection Department—a gas man with 36 years of service in the Company — was appointed assistant to the vice president in charge of Customers Service, effective as of October 1.

J. G. Waddick

Mr. Waddick has a diversified background in the gas business, having joined the organization in 1910 as a clerk at South Station. While there he held the jobs of special clerk, assistant chemist, engineer's helper, and valve man. At Pitney Court Station (disbanded in 1938) he served as a valveman and steamfitter's helper.

Moving on to other stations in the system, Mr. Waddick served as a station clerk at 22nd Street, a station foreman and later foreman at 96th Street, and foreman at 22nd and South Stations consecutively.

In January, 1927, Mr. Waddick was made superintendent of the Meter Reading Department. Later he became superintendent of Credit and Collection as well as Meter Reading. When those two departments were separated, he retained supervision of the Credit and Collection department, and held that post until his most recent appointment.

New Post for Redfield

As of October 1, F. Jefferson Redfield was promoted to superintendent of the Credit and Collection Department. Mr. Redfield who was employed in 1938, as a regular bill collector, has spent the last eight years in that department. Since joining the organization, Mr. Redfield has held the positions of collection reviewer, supervisor, and assistant superintendent.

F. J. Redfield

Mr. Redfield took a law course at Marquette University where he graduated in 1914. He also attended classes specializing in real estate and finance during 1928 at the Northwestern University.

Wasson Moves Up

Effective on October 1, Gerden Wasson was appointed assistant superintendent of the Credit and Collection Department.

Mr. Wasson's service with the Company has all been in the Credit and Collection Department dating from 1923, when he was hired as a regular bill collector. He has in turn been a final bill collector, a credit investigator, an assistant supervisor of the Collection Division, and a supervisor of that division.

G. G. Wasson

Mr. Wasson attended Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin, the Walton School of Commerce, and De Paul University.

New Officers Take Charge of Gas Post At Installation

WITH A MEMBERSHIP roll of well over 600, bulging beyond any mark previously recorded in the veterans organization, Peoples Gas Post launched its 1947 activities by installing its newly elected officers on October 15, at the Hotel Morrison.

Witnessing the proceedings were State and Cook County Legion officials, past commanders of Gas Post, and a swarm of new and old members of the veterans organization. There were several specially invited guests.

Assembly was sounded at 6:30, and the guests stuffed on Turkey before Vice President E. I. Bjork, toastmaster, and past commander, called the meeting to order. Remarks were heard from Wm. P. Kleuskens, commander, Department of Illinois; W. H. Kroll, commander, Cook County; S. J. Barrett, assistant vice president of the Company; and Dan Collins, president, Peoples Gas Club. Following Past Commander A. A. Ward's report, and a citation to J. A. Williamson, of North District, the new officers were installed by W. G. Burns, past commander of Cook County Council.

On Convention Side Trip

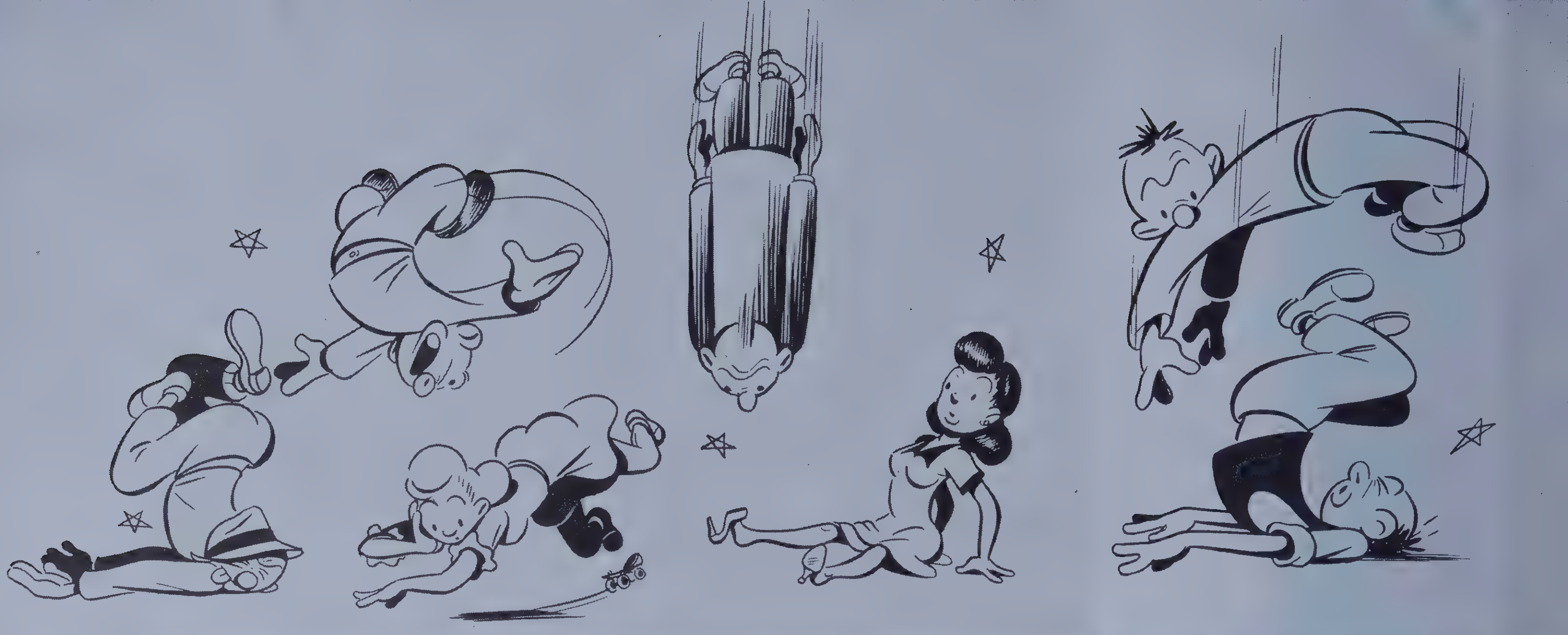
Pictured are two past commanders, Al Ward and LD Keeslar, flanking the American Legion Convention delegate for the Department of Illinois, Stanley Modzikowski, on one of their sight-seeing trips while attending the Convention.

Above, a scene at the speaker's table at the Gas Post's installation dinner. Left to right are: Daniel Collins, Joseph Stoesser, Stuart Barrett, W. G. Burns, W. P. Kleuskens, Eskil Bjork, Albert Ward, W. H. Kroll, and Ivan Anderson.

At right, Albert Ward turns his gavel over to newly-installed Commander Joseph Stoesser, as he wishes him success in the big job ahead for Gas Post.

Below, Superintendent J. A. Williamson, of North District, is honored with a citation from Peoples Gas Post in recognition of his work in behalf of the veterans' organization. The presentation was made by Wm. P. Kleuskens, Commander of Department of Illinois. Left to right are Gas Post Commander Joseph Stoesser, Mr. Kleuskens, Mr. Williamson, W. H. Kroll, Cook County Commander, W. G. Burns, installing officer, and Albert Ward.

The picture below was made during the installation ceremonies. At the "mike" is W. G. Burns, installing officer, and facing him the new officers receive an outline of their responsibilities. They are, left to right, Charles Snyder, Alphonse Steeg, Walter Ohmacht, Stanley Modzikowski, Albert Ward, Jack Cornelius, Milan Vydareny, Albert Frendahl, Edward Barrett, Samuel Cohn, and Joseph Stoesser.



Don't Be the "FALL Guy!"

Since falls in the home, as well as on the job, are a serious hazard, the NEWS presents in the following outline a review of the causes—and provides a chart which enables YOU to check for yourself the manner in which they can be avoided.

By E. S. BEAUMONT
Director of Safety

MOST people are familiar with the advertising significance of the claim of 99 44/100 per cent purity. Though we are considering an entirely different field, I should like to claim that at least as high a percentage of the persons who fall will lay the blame to various physical conditions outside their own responsibilities. In my opinion they are in the same class as the proverbial ostrich or like the driver of the wrecked automobile, they all lay the blame on the "other fellow."

WALT DITZEN

YOU are different. YOU want to analyze the circumstances in your case so as to prevent a repeat performance. Then let's have a look at the record to determine what causes our falls.

This hastily constructed Fall Prevention Chart lists some of the excuses commonly given for falls and checks some of the preventive measures that could be employed. Look over the chart and add to both lists.

What conclusions can be drawn from the chart? At a glance we see two or more checks after each excuse which tells us that either of two or more preventive measures may have eliminated that injury. Another glance tells us that most falls are due to inattention and could be avoided by the oft repeated admonition, "Watch Your Step."

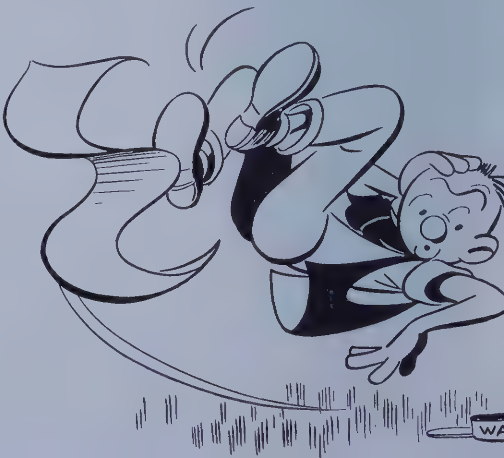
Let's analyze some of the excuses specifically. Slippery floors may result from the practice of waxing to promote better appearance and easier maintenance. Careful maintenance and use of special waxes will reduce the hazard. If we look where we step the danger is almost nil but many times we read a note or an order as we walk along. Or we walk with another person or group and become intent on conversation. High heels and open heel slippers are a greater threat to foot stability than slippery floors.

Grease, oil, ice, snow, or water on the floor can be cleaned up if we're good housekeepers or avoided if we're alert.

Matches, clips, rubber bands, etc., are evidences of careless habits, and faulty housekeeping but can be avoided by looking where we step.

Uneven spots and holes should all be repaired but the careful persons step over or around them.

Dark stairs, halls, etc., should be



lighted better and in the meantime they are slow signs to the careful walker.

Loose objects indicate neglect in putting away toys, roller skates, etc., or failure to pick up pencils or brush aside stones. The ever present cure is "look."

Obstructions result from poor planning or careless storage of materials. Proper use of the eyes will eliminate bad results.

A catching heel may be a careless walking habit, worn clothing, or run-down high heels.

A defective box ladder or railing means first, the use of the wrong equipment; second, failure to check equipment; and third, lack of maintenance.

A ladder that slipped shows poor placement of the ladder or leaning it over too far during its use.

Unguarded openings are inexcusable, but so is not looking where you step.

Bad steps should not be neglected even though the railing and the watchful walker can avoid falls.

Few seem to realize that falls comprise about one fourth of all our injuries. Reportable cases indicate that our employes suffered 375 injuries by falls last year during their off and on-the-job activity. If we estimate the non-reportable cases and assume an average family of three—our employes and their families had over 30,000 falls in 1945. Isn't that worth doing something about? The simple rules for preventing falls boil down to these.

1. Wear sensible shoes and keep them in good repair.
2. Watch your step.
3. Hold hand rails or grab rails when they are provided.
4. Use only proper ladders or stands for climbing.
5. Keep walks, stairs, and landings clear and in good repair.

Follow the rules and you will not be the "FALL GUY."

Fall Prevention Chart

	Watch Step	Inspection	Good Housekeeping	Poor Railing	Hold Railing	Proper Apparel	Maintenance	Lights	Proper Ladder
Slippery Floor	✓					✓	✓		
Grease, Oil, Ice, Snow or Water	✓		✓			✓			
Matches, Clips, Rubber Bands, Etc.	✓		✓						
Uneven or Holes	✓						✓		
Dark	✓							✓	
Loose Object Slip	✓		✓						
Step on Stone, Etc.	✓		✓						
Obstruction, Trip	✓		✓						
Caught Heel	✓				✓	✓			
Defective Box, Etc.			✓						✓
Defective Ladder		✓					✓		✓
Defective Railing		✓	✓				✓		
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Unguarded Opening	✓			✓					
Bad Steps	✓				✓		✓		

Award $165 in Cash for October Suggestion Ideas

A TOTAL OF $165 has been paid to suggesters who submitted feasible ideas to the suggestion committee.

Arthur Granberg, Property Accounting, suggested that a form be used in his department to take the place of the longhand pencil sheets previously used when retiring property from the plant ledgers. He was presented $15.

Millard Keller is $25 richer because he turned in two suggestions valued at $10 each, and one suggestion worth $5. Other $10 winners were: Joseph Healy, Operating-Executive Office; Louis Wolf, South District; Paul Strom, Customers; Frank Snyder, Credit and Collection; and Cecile Burns and George Holm, Customer Accounting.

Five dollar winners during the month were: Roy Abrahamson, Transportation; William Kelsey, Customers; George Keenan, Research and Testing; Raymond Goodman, Customer Accounting; Leila Libby, Meter Reading; Florence Lees, General Accounting; Willard Ludington, Customers Order; Francis Klawitter, Distribution; Charles Madison and Patrick Daly, Warehouse; and George Burns, Hugo Gustafson, and Fred Hansen, Meter Shop.

Unclaimed Coupons

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Two Orchestras Engaged For Thanksgiving Dance

TWO ORCHESTRAS will provide danceable tunes for the Thanksgiving Eve Dance, to be held in the Mural Room of the Hotel Morrison, on November 27.

The committee has engaged the well known tunesmith, Joe Mc Nerney, and his band, and his aggregation will be relieved at intervals by the famous Biltmore Boys, top notch singing instrumentalists.

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

Speaking of Gas . . . Mr. J. E. Drew who is the American Gas Association's Assistant Promotional Director, speaks forth as follows: "Spot checks around the country reveal that almost everyone is talking about the gas business except those in the business. People have been asking questions about gas and getting answers—too many of them wrong. It's high time we met misrepresentation with truth, theory with fact, and extravagant claims with proven performance. Let's make the voice of the gas industry heard in those places where public opinion is formed!" So . . . Let's start talking about gas! . . . For a more detailed report of the Bureau's plans, we suggest you consult the September issue of the A.G.A. Monthly, page 381. Also, get the habit of visiting your company library regularly. Many an employe has come to me and said, "Bill, my wife and I were at a friend's home last evening playing bridge. After we played for several hours, our hosts served refreshments, and while eating, the conversation finally veered around to questions about the gas industry, and do you know, Bill, I was quite embarrassed to think that I wasn't able to answer some of their questions! Do you have some books or pamphlets that I could read in order that I may become a better informed employe?"

Laboratories open research center. Opening of a new research center adjoining the Cleveland Testing Laboratories of the A.G.A. on August 1, initiated another phase of the Laboratories Managing Committee's plan for step by step matching of testing facilities with the expanding needs of the gas industry. Adding approximately 6,000 square feet of additional floor space to 3,000 square feet reconverted from war activities to testing purposes last fall, the move makes possible efficient direction of rapidly expanding research and testing activities. A sharp rise in the appliance testing operations, plus 180 per cent increase in gas research projects, is the reason for this expansion of facilities.

Service Anniversaries

40 YEARS

Creighton, Thomas J., Division Street Station

Tracy, Leo V., Customers'

35 YEARS

Hurst, Ferris George, Credit and Collection

Soos, Otto A. T.. Bill Delivery

30 YEARS

Barnes, William, Central District

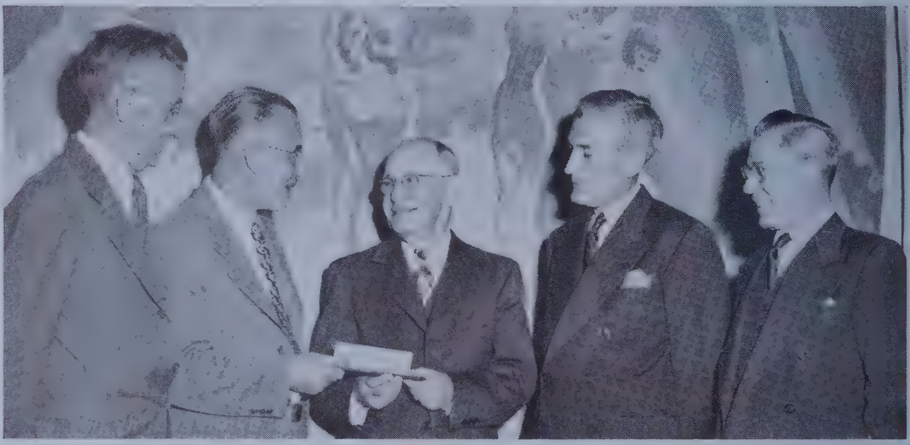
Platte, William, Display and Home Planning

25 YEARS

Angelo, Frank, North District
Bralich, Louis, Crawford Station
Chapman, Ned H., South District
Dragozetich, John A., South Station
Gallo, Carl J., Credit and Collection
Gates, Ernest LeRoy, Industrial Sales
Majorczyk, Clement Frank, South District
Mills, Daniel H., Crawford Station
Tonneman, Marcel E., Crawford Station
Walsh, Helen A., Crawford Station
Weber, Leonard F., Crawford Station

Bid Adieu to Retiring Old Timers

R. N. Davis, going into retirement, is presented with luggage at a dinner at the Illinois Athletic Club, October 17. Making the presentation and extending their very best are Walter Deveney and Karl B. Nagler.



Richard Rothwell who retired from service September 30 was given a dinner party at Bloom's Restaurant on that date. His associates and the four men surrounding him, Romie Holtz, Cyril Light, Barney Wittman, and Barney Kearns, presented him with a wrist watch as a parting gift.

Announce New "CP" Requirements for Automatic Gas Ranges

New requirements for automatic gas ranges built to "CP" standards which are created to give the homemaker better cooking performance have been announced by E. Carl Sorby, Vice-President, Geo. D. Roper Corporation and Chairman of the "CP" Manufacturers Group of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association.

The new "CP" requirements go into effect January 1, 1947, when the gas range production rate is expected to exceed by at least 50% the 2,300,000 ranges sold in 1941. Evidence that this production rate can be sold, according to Mr. Sorby, are the millions of new homes that will be built, the 12,540,000 gas ranges in homes that are more than ten years old and need replacement, and the 1,442,500 gain in residential gas customers since 1941, which brings the total number of homes now using gas for cooking in the U. S. and Canada to 20,750,000.

First requirement for gas ranges bearing the "CP" trademark is that they meet the new more stringent American Gas Association testing laboratories' Blue Star requirements. Other "CP" requirements are aimed at giving the housewife a new and more completely automatic cooking service, savings in food, fuel and time, and better cooking results.

All burners, including ovens and broilers, light automatically; ovens are required to preheat quickly, reach high temperatures fast and automatically, maintain temperatures down to 250 degrees; drawers must be quiet operating without undue friction or jamming; effective stops must be provided to prevent tilting and spillage of oven racks; and broilers must be smokeless and provide effective broiling over 80% of the broiler area.

James J. Walsh Grows 'em High, Wide, and Handsome

James J. Walsh, an annuitant, formerly a street foreman at South District where he spent all of his 32 years of service with the Company, has discovered that his interest in plant life as a hobby has brought him recognition in that field. He has produced some exceptionally mammoth vegetables, which have recently received city-wide publicity.

Some of the huge plants Mr. Walsh raised in his garden plot adjoining his home were a 5 pound beet measuring 20½ inches, a tomato plant, 10 feet 4 inches high, and corn 7 feet 8 inches in height. A 7 pound 22¾ inch beet he raised last year is now yielding seed to start his next year's beet crop.

Mr. Walsh, who grows his own seed cares for celery, cucumbers, rhubarb, cauliflower, carrots, cabbage, and Swiss chard in his garden which boasts a 200 bloom 13 foot 1 inch sunflower for decoration.

Above, Annuitant Walsh holds tape around prize beet which measures 20½ inches around, and weighs five pounds. His tomato plant grew 10 ft. 4 in. high, and his corn rose 7 ft. 8 inches. During the summer, Walsh rises at dawn every day to care for his plants.

Acme Photo

Rivaling the best that Kansas has to offer, annuitant James Walsh has grown a 13 ft. one inch sunflower in the middle of his garden plot next to his home at 5324 Lowe Avenue. He is shown measuring it in the picture at right.

Three Old Timers Join Annuitants

Retired on November 1, 1946

Michael Henout, South Station 40 years 10 months service

Robert White, Division St. Station 38 years 1 month service

Frank Garafola, Meter Shop 27 years 5 months service

Complete Plans for Club Xmas Show

Yes indeed, it will be a big day for the Kiddies of the Peoples Gas Club, when they attend one of the two big shows now being arranged for them at the Civic Opera House, 20 North Wacker Drive, on December 21.

On that Saturday before Christmas, Santa Claus will be a star performer, leading a great all-Christmas show. There will be a gift package for each child attending.

Performances will begin at 1:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. Application blanks for tickets will be distributed to all members soon. Requests will be filled in the order received.

GAS around the World

BY WILLIAM HELME

GAS IN THE FOUNDRY—Under the best possible working conditions, a job in a large foundry is by no stretch of the imagination conducive to wearing white collars. But before gas took over most of the applied heat jobs such as lighting the cupolas, preheating the pouring spouts, Bessemer converters, and ladles of all types and sizes, the work was what the boys in the armed forces used to term "rugged duty." Heat for these operations was usually provided by building wood fires under the equipment and the fires were kept going for three or four hours. In no time at all, the smoke was thicker than a London fog and twice as dirty. Workmen constantly complained about the smoke and the labor turn-over was terrific. With the installation of gas fuel, working conditions have not only been greatly improved, but the operations have been simplified and production increased.

ROLLER BEARINGS—In the large Timken roller bearing plant in Canton, Ohio, gas is used for every operation requiring heat. It will not be long before many luxurious new railroad sleepers will be in service rolling along on Timken bearings and contributing greatly to the comfort and safety of the riding public.

VACUUM CLEANERS—How is the old vacuum cleaner holding up? Latest reports indicate that vast quantities of new ones will soon be on the market. In the manufacture of Hoover vacuum cleaners, extensive use is made of gas fuel. Row upon row of gas-fired aluminum die casting machines are turning out thousands of precision cast parts. Enormous gas-fired paint curing ovens put the finishing touches on this much-needed household item.

RUSSIA—In the great industrial development being planned by the Soviet Union during the next five years, the gas industry is among those that are specified to receive a huge expansion. Special attention is to be devoted to the development of the natural gas resources of the country and to the manufacture of gas from shale.

Gas Ads

WANTED TO RENT—Five room apartment. Call Jim Kirkwood, local 842.

FOR SALE—Stenotype machine with case including instruction books and packaged paper. Late model, excellent condition. Call local 814.

FOR SALE—Stenotype machine complete with instruction set and carrying case. See Ralph Hoberg, Room 537 or phone local 666.

FOR SALE—Fully equipped wardrobe trunk, 42″ high x 21″ x 23″. Call Dolly Egan, local 805.

FOR SALE—Hendryx canary bird cage in good condition. $5. Call Commodore 0406.

FOR SALE—Twenty foot extension ladder, brand new. $15. Call Daniel Fitzgerald at Triangle 0205 after 6 p.m. or Harrison 8040 between 1 and 5 p.m.

P.G.L.&C.C. Credit Union Declares a 3 Per Cent Dividend

AT A MEETING of the Board of Directors of the P.G.L. & C.C. Employes Credit Union, held at 5:00 P.M., on October 15, in Room 853, a three per cent dividend was approved to be effective November 30 and payable by December 16.

Dividends of $5 or more will be paid by check and those who are entitled to dividends of less than $5 will have such amounts credited to their respective accounts.

All members, whether they are entitled to a dividend or not, are requested to submit their books to the Credit Union for audit as soon after November 30 as possible.

Rate Case Workers Stage Reunion

THE TYPING AND PROOFREADING GROUP, which turned out much of the written material used in the 1934-1937 Rate Case, gathered for a reunion on Friday evening, September 27, in Room 1039.

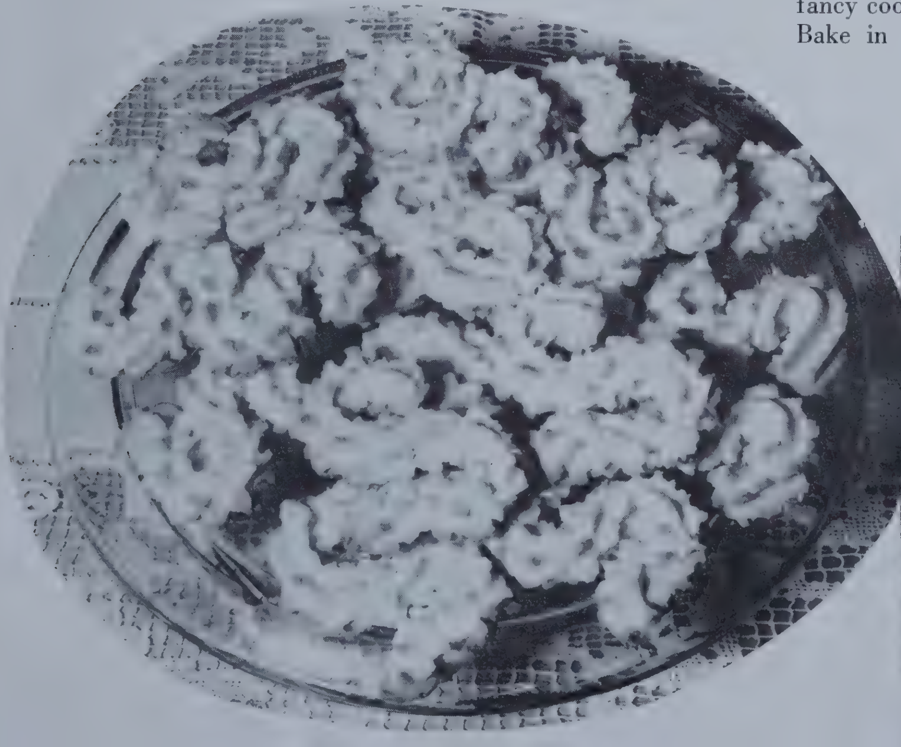
Those present enjoyed the buffet supper, reminiscing, and the bingo game. An added feature of the evening included looking at the display of photographs and clippings which Eleanore Westlake (who planned the affair) had gathered of the "old crowd."

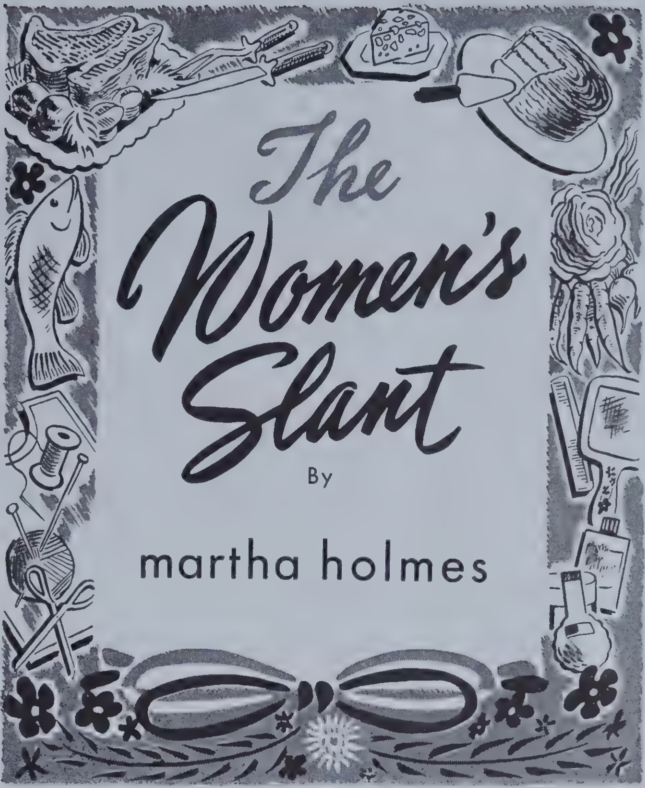
Marie Streit, Esther Timmermann, Helen Frantell, Margaret Quan, Lorraine Springman, Helen Jennings, William Fyffe, Kathryn Gibbons, Alice Kelly, Ann Styler, Phyllis Wolgemuth, William Kenny, Marea McKeand, Dorothy Teuber, Elmer Frank, Clara Berg, and Julia Hampton attended the party. Three of the girls were unable to attend. They were: Evelyn Freiwald Meigs, Valpariso, Florida; Cornelia Wilkes Hunt, Martinez, California; and June Heidenreich.

Pictured is the group who attended the Typing and Proofreading Rate Case Reunion Party held in Room 1039, September 27. They are, back row: William Fyffe, Kathryn Gibbons, Alice Kelly, Ann Styler, Phyllis Wolgemuth, William Kenny, Marea McKeand, Dorothy Teuber, Elmer Frank, Clara Berg, and Julia Hampton. Front row: Eleanore Westlake, Marie Streit, Helen Frantell, Margaret Quan, Lorraine Springman, and Helen Jennings.

When making Spritz cookies, cream the butter and sugar thoroughly. No liquid is used in the recipe, and a well-creamed mixture is necessary to thoroughly combine all ingredients.

A cookie press is used in making Spritz cookies. In making the "S" no pressing is necessary; just a simple turn of the handle. A plate of Spritz is always welcome at mealtime, for a snack or at a party.





The Women's Slant

By

martha holmes

Christmas Cookies

COOKIES are all-occasion sweets. They are good with almost any kind of meal, in lunchboxes, as snacks and as gifts. As a special greeting at Christmas time, serve cookies that are crisp and dainty, or rich and chewy.

A festive Christmas package is one using colored cellophane paper around choice cookies and an accent of color added through the use of evergreens.

Try this Spritz cookie for a novel Christmas treat.

Spritz

1 cup butter	1 tsp. almond extract
$2/3$ cup sugar	$2\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour
3 egg yolks	$1/4$ tsp. salt

Cream butter; add sugar gradually. Add unbeaten egg yolks and flavoring. Add flour, sifted with salt. Press through Spritz tube or fancy cookie press on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in hot oven (400 degrees) 10 to 12 minutes.

Cookies make wonderful gifts, especially when packed in a unique container, and the use of colored paper, ribbons and evergreens to add a Christmas appearance to the package.

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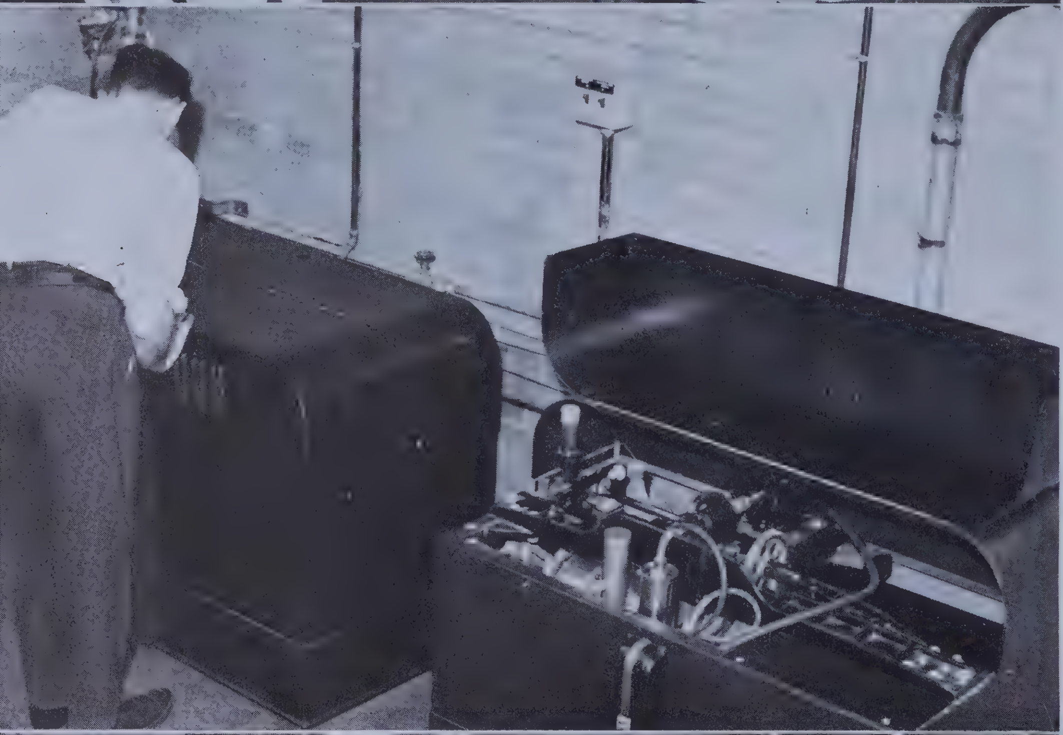

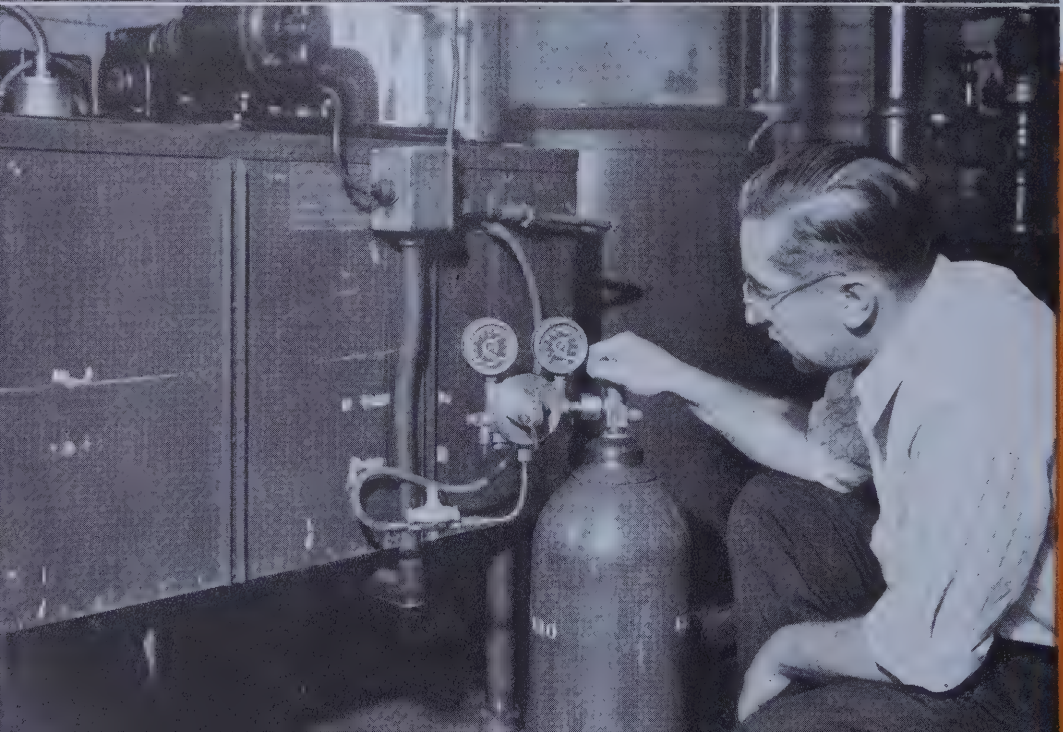

WHEN A CUSTOMER opens a valve on his gas appliance, the meter on his premises measures the flow of gas in terms of cubic feet. But what he is actually buying is the heat, or energy, that the gas will produce when burned. Hence, it is logical to assume that the customer is as much concerned with WHAT a certain amount of gas will do, as he is with HOW MUCH he uses. This energy quality of the gas is commonly known as its HEATING VALUE, and normally is measured on the Company's premises by means of instruments called calorimeters.

The gas which we sell is prepared at our stations by mixing various gases, such as, natural gas, coal gas, blue gas, and others in such proportions that the customer receives a uniform gas having 800 heat units in each cubic foot that passes through his meter, regardless of where or how it is used. For example, a customer at the northern city limits, bordering Evanston, receives exactly the same amount of heat in a cubic foot of gas as does the customer at the southern tip of Beverly Hills on the far south side. This is com-

In the extreme upper left, Russell Cook, of the Physical and Chemical Testing Section of the Research and Testing Department, is pictured while making repairs on a Thomas Calorimeter, a highly sensitive device which continuously and automatically records the heating value of the gas passing a certain point. Mr. Cook is working with a flexible shaft to which is attached a "burring tool," used for removing corrosion on the metal surface.

At center left, is shown two Calorimeters located at Calumet Station, on the southeast side of the city. The one with the cover turned back is the one used for testing the natural gas, while the one at left records the heating value of the mixed gas.

At lower left, Leslie Miller, of the Physical and Chemical Testing, is testing the accuracy of the Thomas Calorimeter by using a specially prepared gas of known heating value.

nd Double Check

eating Content of Gas

forting assurance to the customer that if he moves to a different section of the city or if he buys another appliance he will get the same satisfaction to which he has been accustomed. This dependability results from the use of improved production techniques, the trained eye of the experienced chemist, and the use of the finest precision testing equipment obtainable.

The heating value of gas is commonly expressed in terms of British Thermal Units, or Btu. A Btu is the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree, Fahrenheit. There is about a pint of water to a pound.

Customers are billed for gas used by the therm, each of which contains 100,000 Btu. In terms of volume, a therm represents 125 cubic feet of gas containing 800 Btu per cubic foot. On the basis of a therm's usefulness, it can be said that the 100,000 Btu in a therm could raise the temperature of 50 tons (12,000 gallons) of water one degree Fahrenheit. Or, if it were physically possible, one therm would raise the temperature of one pound of water 100,000 degrees. Practically, of course, gas does its work between these two extremes. For instance in a hot water heater a therm is potentially capable of heating about 120 gallons of water to 170° F. Used in this manner the therm has real value.

Every gas production station in the Company's system maintains a continuous check on the Btu content of the gas as it is being manufactured and mixed for distribution to customers. All of the control over the heating value of our sendout gas is accomplished by means of instruments known as calorimeters and calorimixers. The calorimeter is a delicate and complicated mechanism; and what is more important, its accuracy is dependable to within one-half of one per cent of the true value of the gas.

The calorimixer is an automatic device which uses the recordings of the calorimeter to actuate cams, electric motors, and valves in order to mix gases of different Btu content until the desired 800 Btu value is reached. Then it controls those mixtures to maintain that predetermined standard.

In addition to the continuous check on Btu content at the production and mixing points, the gas at outlying sections of the main system is tested every day. The work is done by trained chemists and engineers equipped with sensitive testing instruments. One group of men makes tests and maintains the equipment at all of the production stations in the system. Another group, with portable calorimeters, sets up its equipment at certain outlying testing points at least a mile from a production station, and makes daily tests of the heating value.

Similar tests are made by the City of Chicago, and the State of Illinois, at locations and times of their own choosing.

All of the Company's tests, including the stations and the branch office points, are combined in a daily report prepared by the Statistical Department. These daily records are sent to officials and department heads concerned with production, distribution, and testing. The original records are kept for at least a year in the Company's Archives.

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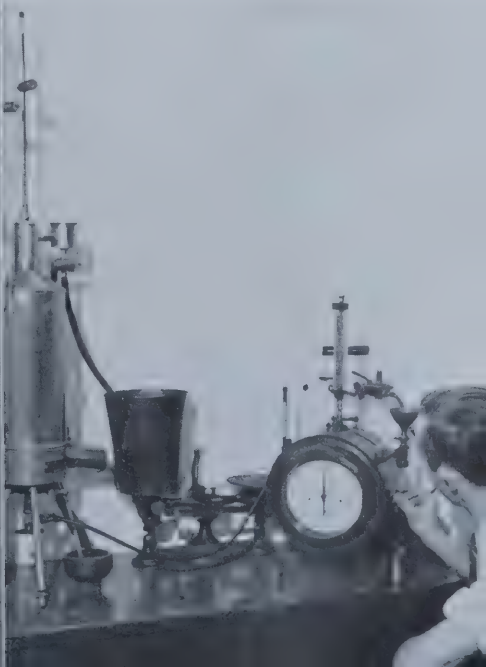
In the upper right hand corner of this page, is the flow chart of a Calorimeter, showing the fine degree of control obtained with modern automatic equipment installed at the Company's mixing stations. The desired control point is 802 Btu's. Note the position of the indicator slightly above the 800 Btu. mark.

The device shown immediately at right, is the Calorimixer, an automatic device which mixes gases of different heating value to maintain a constant flow of gas at a predetermined Btu. level. Bertram McElroy is shown making an adjustment at Calumet Station.

The picture at the extreme right shows a test being made with the Flow Calorimeter, the simplest type of gas testing device. One test is made each day at branch offices of the Company and other locations and the results of those city-wide checks are assembled to form a report of Btu content throughout the whole 210 square mile area.



A substantial portion of the gas sold by the Company is purchased from outside sources, and that gas is also paid for on the basis of its heating value. Thus it is important that a careful and constant record of the Btu content of the incoming supply of gas is maintained at the place of delivery. These points are: Joliet, where the natural gas arrives from Texas; 110th Street Station, Calumet Station, Crawford Station, and 96th Street Station.

All calorimetry work throughout the Company is the responsibility of the Physical and Chemical Testing Section of the Research and Testing Department.

Russell Cook is pictured above with a device which tests the accuracy of wet meters to be used in heating value determinations. He is holding in his hands a standard one-tenth cubic foot bottle which bears the certificate of accuracy of the National Bureau of Standards.

At lower left, Mr. Cook is weighing gas condensate to an accuracy of one ten-thousandth of a pound. He is using one of the precision balance scales in the Research and Testing Department.

Below, Arthur Shaap, located at 110th Street Station, is calculating the average heating value of gas purchased from the steel mills nearby. He makes computations from the meter readings as well as from the Btu readings of the Calorimeter.

Back on the Job

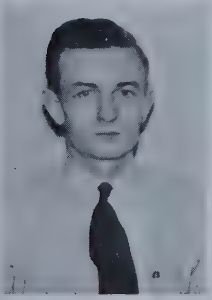
After Serving with Uncle Sam

As a squad leader in an Infantry division of the Army, *Anthony Spinoso* was stationed in Scotland, England, France, Italy, and Switzerland for 18 months. In addition he served 8 months in the United States before he was shipped overseas. During this time he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and after his release from service he again became a member of North District.

Anthony Spinoso

Tony says his most interesting experience was a tour he took through Switzerland where he took a cable car to the top of Jungfrau Mountain. He skated in an ice palace cut through solid ice where the temperature is always 10 degrees below zero.

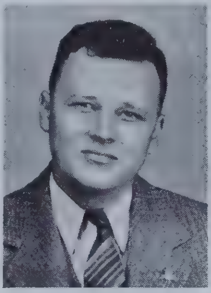
As a submarine radioman, *Thomas Gannon* saw his share of service in the Navy. He was a Navy man for over three years before he returned to the "serenity" of Central District.


Thomas Gannon

For more than two years, Tom listened for messages at his radio set while his ship traveled to Hawaii, the Midway, Saipan, and Guam.

He says that he and the crew had many tense moments while sailing the sea of Japan during the early part of 1945 for two weeks when the future was unpredictable.

After spending over five years in the Army Air Corps, *Robert Keeney* returned to the Company where he was transferred to the Property Accounting Department.


Robert Keeney

Bob entered service as a cadet and trained at Chanute Field, Illinois, before he was sent overseas. He spent 27 months in Africa, Sicily, Italy, and India, before he was released from service as a lieutenant colonel. In addition to the usual ribbons, he wore a bronze star on his uniform.

Bob was an air craft maintenance officer who had charge of ground crews servicing planes. His most interesting experience is connected with a flying trip he and some of his "buddies" made to Palestine and the Holy Land.

The gay smile of *George Iwicki* has been observed by those who welcomed him back from his nearly four years in the Army. George returned to work in the Meter Reading Department.

George Iwicki

George was a first lieutenant in an engineers construction battalion which spent 15 months stationed in Eniwetok, Ulithi, Ie Shima, and Okinawa.

As such he was an adjutant and administrative officer in headquarters, and when the Okinawa engineer district was established he was made its administrative officer.

George, who seems to possess a perpetual twinkle in his eye, says that none of the "hardships" were hardships after he accustomed himself to taking them. It was all in a day's (or night's) work to him.

Although *William Morgan* spent only eight months in the Navy, he feels some of the training he received was beneficial to him and he found most of it very interesting.

William Morgan

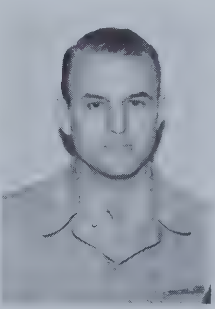
Bill was a seaman second class when he was honorably discharged after attending Fire Control School at Great Lakes. When he returned to the Company he was again assigned to Central District Shop.

Although *Frank Hajdick* spent 30 months in the Navy, he says that he had no particularly exciting experiences. At the time of his honorable discharge, he was a ship fitter first class who worked as a plumber.

Frank Hajdick

Frank was attached to a ship which docked at Australia, New Guinea, the Admiralties, and the Philippines. His travels covered approximately 23 months of the time he was a serviceman.

As a member of the quartermaster's corps of the Army, *Daniel Skrzypczynski* spent five months in the Army. When he was honorably discharged from the service, he resumed his duties at Central District, where he worked before taking a military leave.


Daniel Skrzypczynski

During those five months, Dan was assigned to the job of policing G.I. prisoners. This job couldn't have been too exciting because Dan says he had no particularly interesting, or unusual experiences.

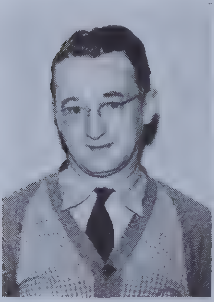
When *Frank Odachowski* looks at his discharge button he is reminded of the 49 months he spent in the quartermasters, ordnance, and infantry divisions of the Army.

Frank Odachowski

Frank as a technician fourth grade, was a replacement department plumber before being released to return to the street department at Central District.

Thirty-nine months of Frank's service were spent in Panama, France, Belgium, and northern Germany. He says the verification of Japan's surrender was his biggest moment because he immediately started thinking about quickly getting home.

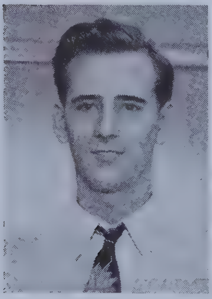
Most of the time *John Dolan, Jr.*, was a member of the Army Air Force his duties were those of an operation clerk and flight dispatcher. John spent over three years in the service before he was honorably discharged as a private first class.



John Dolan, Jr.

He enjoyed the frequent flights he made in large air ships, and he especially remembers with pleasure his meeting with the topnotch pilots of those big planes. His particular favorite was Captain Randolph Hearst, son of William Randolph Hearst, the newspaper magnate.

Henry Herula was transferred from the By-Products Plant to North District when he returned to the Company after spending three years in the Marine Corps.



Henry Herula

As a private first class, Henry received infantry training in North Carolina and was then transferred to the Aleutian Islands where he was based for one year.

He says setting foot on the Seattle, Washington, dock after a hectic seasick journey is perhaps his happiest recollection.

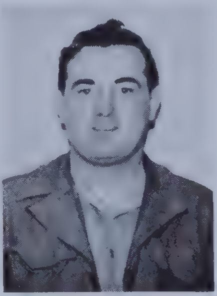
After spending approximately four years in the Army, *Michael Devanie* was honorably discharged and returned to the comparatively easy life of a civilian.

Michael Devanie

Michael was released from service as a sergeant who had spent over three years traveling as an armorer. With his unit, he was stationed in many combat zones in the Southwest Pacific before he was presented with his discharge papers.

Since serving his country, he has resumed his duties at North District.

When *Howard Murphy's* military leave terminated after an absence of five years, Howard returned to the Company and was assigned to the shop department at Central District.



Howard Murphy

At the time of his discharge, he was a staff sergeant in charge of 170 men who repaired bridges and roads. Howard says his most interesting work was not making repairs, but building new bridges for the infantry.

After *John Foley, Jr.*, served with the Army as an artillery observer for 50 months, he returned to the Company and was given a promotion to Central District. He formerly worked in the Bill Delivery Department.

John Foley, Jr.

Previous to his date of discharge, he was a first lieutenant who had been to Oran, North Africa, Tunis, Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium, and Austria.

He laughs now about his fear of missing the ship, West Point, when he was slated to return to the States, but at the time the incident was vastly important to him. He simply wanted to get home as quickly as possible.

For 21 months *Thomas Doherty* adhered to the rules and regulations set-up for a Navy man. He has since returned to the Company to resume duties at Central District.

Thomas Doherty

As a petty officer third class, Tom was sent overseas for 19 months. During this time he worked as an aviation metalsmith. He was stationed in Honolulu and Hawaii working on the planes which were vital instruments in assisting our men to win the war.

John Deora never expected to see so much of the world as he saw during the 38 months he spent in the Army.

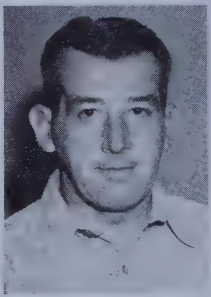
John Deora

During 31 months of his army service he was stationed in Australia, New Guinea, Biak, the Philippines, and the Panama Canal, as a medical technician fifth grade.

John, upon his reestablishment in the Company was promoted from the Stationery Section to Central District where he now works as a senior stock man.

His most uneasy moment occurred when the plane in which he was traveling from Port Moresby to Buna dropped from 14,000 feet to 800 feet over the Owen Stanley Range of mountains in New Guinea.

After spending 42 of the 43 months he was in service thinking about home, *Harold Gervais* finally made it back to his job at North District.



Harold Gervais

At the time of his discharge, Harold was a staff sergeant attached to the Army Air Force as a flight chief. As such he was stationed in Hawaii, Canton Island, Makin, Tarawa, the Gilberts, and Marshall Islands, and Iwo Jima.

After spending over three years in the coast artillery, *John Berry* has returned to Central District's street department to resume his duties there.

John Berry

As a private first class, John was assigned to duty on the California coast traveling in and around Los Angeles and San Francisco.

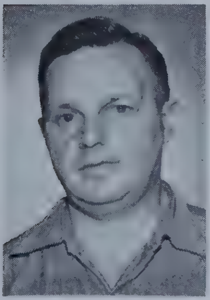
John says his most noteworthy and exciting experience took place on an Easter Sunday evening when the entire coast of California was blacked out and they were ordered to man their guns. For a moment, the suspense was frightening. However, the "all clear" signal sounded without their having to take further action.

Anthony Giovingo, who has returned to the street department of Central District, spent approximately four and one half years in the United States Army where his duties as a cannoneer were quite varied.

Anthony Giovingo

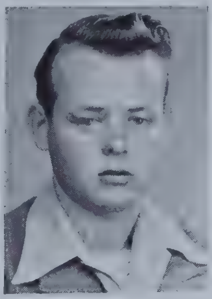
Tony spent 21 months overseas and was discharged as a private first class after going to Scotland, England, France, Germany, Italy, and Czechoslovakia. Tony believes his most exciting experiences occurred when his company was fighting at the Rhine River.

The "role" of civilian was again eagerly accepted by *William Breslin* when he returned to North District after an absence of three years in the service of his country.


William Breslin

Bill entered service as a private, but was periodically promoted until he wore a sergeant's stripes at the time of his discharge. At that time, his duties were that of an instructor in armament at a camp here in the United States.

When *Leo Wrenn* returned to the Company after having been on military leave for 18 months, he was again assigned to Central District as a serviceman.


Leo Wrenn

As a seaman first class in the Navy at the time of his discharge, Leo was for the most part stationed at a Naval Air Station in Honolulu, where he had charge of issuing athletic gear to the men.

The trip by plane he made from Honolulu to Guam was his most interesting experience. He particularly enjoys traveling by plane.

When *Thomas Size* returned to Central District, he had undergone almost four years of Army experience in the United States. He was a staff sergeant whose duties were those of an aerial engineer and an airplane mechanic instructor, based at a large air field.

Thomas Size

Tom enjoyed his training flight trips around the United States as an engineer, and is proud of the fact that he was one of ten men to open the airplane mechanic school in St. Louis, Missouri, a school which was considered one of the finest of its kind in the country.

With a Navy career behind him, *James O'Boyle* has returned to Central District to resume the duties he laid aside during the 30 months he was in service. When James was released, he was rated as a ship fitter first class. He had done considerable steam fitting and pipe fitting in the Navy.

James O'Boyle

Jim had occasion to visit New Guinea, Australia, Tinian, Los Negros, Manus, and Guam when he was ordered overseas after 5 months of training. He spent 25 months stationed at those locations.

James Bracken has once again found his niche in civilian life since he returned to the street department at Central District.

James Bracken

For four and one half years, Jim was attached to an armored division, and at the time of his release was a corporal. He was assigned to the post of assistant tank commander and acting provost sergeant.

Jim spent two and one half years in England, France, Belgium, and Germany, and participated in several of the "big drives" before the war in Europe terminated. However, he was happy when they "called a halt" to it.

Thomas Mulkerin was discharged from the Army Infantry after serving in the United States and the European area for more than four years. Upon his release, he resumed his work in the street department at Central District.

Thomas Mulkerin

Tom was a private first class rifle man in an infantry squad and spent three years in the Canal Zone, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany.

He says all the trips he took were extremely interesting, nothing was enjoyable, crossing the Rhine River under fire was undoubtedly the most exciting, and getting strafed by German Planes was the most frightening.

Harold Rudolph was a member of the 632nd tank destroyer battalion during the three years he was on military leave from the Company. He has now resumed his duties at Central District.

Harold Rudolph

Harold spent one year in the Asiatic Pacific theatre area and was based with the Army at Luzon in the Philippine Islands. At the time of his release from service he was rated as a sergeant.

Departmental News Notes

Meter Shop

BY G. D. BURNS

The welcome mat has been rolled out to the following new employes added to our family at the Meter Shop during the past month: Eugene Gorecki, George Fisher, Fred Vanario, Bruno Bujwit, Robert Goshorn, Jacob Kalafut, Stanley Andrews, Raymond English, Charles Miller, and Carl Law. We're happy to have you men with us. . . . Frank Garafola on November 1 was transferred to the annuitant roll. He was presented with a beautiful watch by his many associates, who wished him a long and happy life. Frank had more than 27 years with the Company, all of which were spent in the Meter Shop. . . . William Menet proved his skill as a fisherman by sending us a 20 pound Northern Pike which he caught in Northern Minnesota waters while on his vacation. This makes Bill the champion fisherman of the Shop for this year.

Frank Garafola

Industrial Sales

BY WILLIAM HELME

Sunny California waves her magic wand and beckons westward our happy vacationers. George Ammentorp has just returned from a comprehensive tour of the Pacific Coast which included a stay-over in 'Frisco for the Legion Convention. Trains were too slow for Bill Riach who boarded a plane for his sojourn on the western seaboard. Joe Kahn is busily charting road maps and tuning up the old jalopy for a mad dash across the desert. Carl Fisher, who has been living not far from Los Angeles in Compton, since he retired from active service in 1940, dropped in to see us recently and gave the boys a "Chamber of Commerce" talk on the wonders of that fascinating land of milk and honey. . . . Just to be different, Paul Dreyer settled for a camping and fishing trip in the Ozarks. . . . The meat situation must be really tough. "Hop" Rehfeldt was seen coming out of a small store that had a sign "horsemeat" on the window. On being questioned, he hesitantly replied with a strange glint in his eye, "Well, the dog has to eat something." . . . Bill Light, Barney Marchialette, H. F. Rehfeldt, and Bill Riach, attended a meeting of the Midwest Industrial Gas Council in Minneapolis. . . . We were all sorry to hear that one of our old gang, Harry Weeks, had passed away at his home in Michigan. . . . Our sincere sympathy is extended to Oscar Bowen and his family on the recent loss of his wife.

South Sales

BY ELMER J. STAMM

We almost envy those fortunate people who took belated vacations and are now enjoying this beautiful autumnal weather. . . . Frank Schabes, Chief Engineer, is spending the balance of his vacation taking it easy and puttering about the house. . . . "Stan" Horn is off for his vacation to be spent "Down on the Farm in Old Indiana." . . . Congratulations to Jack Voorn, our dealer representative, who on September 6 became a proud pappy for the second time—it's a seven pound, five ounce boy. Only seven to go for the Voorn All Stars Ball Team. . . . Marion Schabes, daughter of our Chief Engineer, and Howard Letz, clerk, were married on October 5, at the Drexel Park Church. Our heartiest felicitations to this very happy pair. . . . We welcome Inez Brown, recently graduated from DePauw University, who has joined our staff as Home Service Representative.

Credit and Collection

BY ELEANOR MCPARTLIN

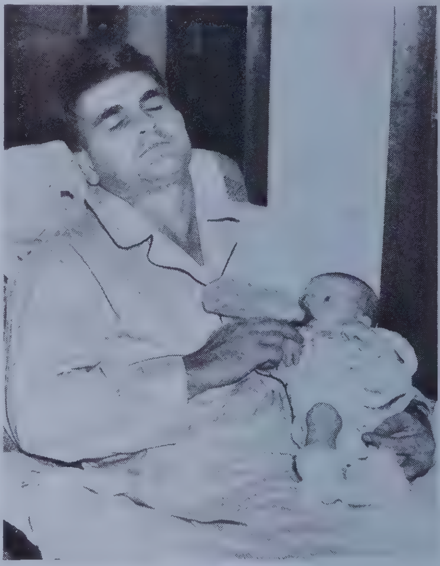
Congratulations and all our good wishes go with James G. Waddick as he takes up his new duties as assistant to Vice President Philip Eddy. To our new "chief," F. J. Redfield, and his assistant, Gerald Wasson, congratulations and sincere best wishes. . . . Welcome to the department, Jack Cornelius; glad to have you with us. . . . If you've noticed that proud look of Stanley Lenski's lately, it's because he's the grandfather of a 6 pound boy. . . . Hello to our gang at the Archives who are doing a swell job. . . . Received word from Marge Sullivan vacationing on the west coast and from Zoe Quail who is spending her vacation in Iowa. Expect to see Marge come back with a California sun tan. . . . In case anybody needs help in piano moving, Nick Kahl, Dan Driscoll, and Ernie Rainford will be of assistance.

Photographic

BY H. S. YOUNG

Those "Panda Eyes" you might have noticed lately on your scribe are the result of serving up 2 A.M. feedings to his new roomer, Nancy Ellen. The new delegate checked in last month at the Young household, and she highly recommends Peoples Gas for fast formula heatings. . . . This department has just finished shooting a color movie on the new pipeline construction from Chicago to Joliet. The big task of editing the film is now in progress. . . . Thanks to you folks who have complimented us on our newly decorated reception room. The large murals being displayed therein are all picture products we've taken on our varied assignments. Further additions and replacements will alter the room from time to time. . . . Al Walavich moved into his newly acquired flat—and we've all been invited to a housewarming session in the new dwelling. Al, you've no idea how lucky—or unlucky—you are.

It's easy to see that Nancy Ellen has it all over "pop" Harry Young for wakefulness



Typing and Duplicating

BY AVIS SUMMERS

Last but not least Dorothy Wallery and Eleanor Zeman took their vacations. They were undecided where they were going to spend their two weeks, but they will undoubtedly make the most of them. . . . Once again the welcome mat is brought out for Jacqueline Britton, Dorothy Drechney, Rose Matushek, Mary Doheny, and Arlene Matousek. Good luck to all of you. . . . The bowling spirit seems to be with Ruth Sblewski, Eleanor Rada, and Elizabeth Hankel who joined the Gas Company team. With the assistance of two other bowlers, their team is doing all right. . . . Genevieve Danaher's mother had a bad fall and is reported to be in serious condition. We are all hoping that everything will be all right. . . . Ruth Sblewski's mother was taken to the hospital about the middle of the month. A report from the hospital was that she is doing fine and the next report we'd like to hear is that she is home. . . . Mrs. J. M. Steinhauer (Pat Marcotte) was married on August 3. She let us borrow one of her wedding pictures, one taken at her wedding breakfast in the Marine Dining Room of the Edgewater Beach Hotel. They spent their honeymoon at Grand Lake, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Steinhauer

North District

BY JOHN LAWRISUK

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Ray Paez, who passed away on October 13, after a long illness. . . . Jim Fitzpatrick and Bill Dionne are back on the job after sufficiently recovering from their illnesses. . . . Jimmy Moroney's five years of army service certainly taught him how to keep a secret. He was married on October 11, and only a few of the fellows had any knowledge of his plans until the "big moment" arrived. Our best wishes to Jimmy and his bride. . . . North Shop's Forum meetings started off with a bang! Moving pictures and scenes of a plane trip to Ireland with narration by the gentleman who made the trip, Thomas Gibbons, followed a swell corned beef and cabbage dinner. We wish to thank Mr. Gibbons and the Committee for a fine evening. . . . Jack Doughty was elected Forum Chairman on October 22.

Calumet

BY JOHN DRYSDALE

Carl Johnsen and Hans Quastler were Calumet's last two vacationists for 1946; Hans traveling out west and Carl looking for a piece of property to put up a new summer home. . . . Mr. Marshall and Jim Heaney, missing from our ranks for several weeks due to illness, are now well on the road to recovery. . . . In case anyone is wondering why Guiseppi Lencioni rushes out of the Station every night; take a walk down Colfax Avenue and see his new home. . . . Joe says that it sure keeps him busy. . . . Andy and Francis Flynn took a week end trip to Delavan, Wisconsin. . . . Tom Creighton seems to think that we all ganged up on him during the World Series. . . . Tom actually won our pool, but due to a technicality the money went into John Marshall's hands.

Treasury-Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

Good to have our boss, Fred Written, back and looking so fit after a too-long stay on the sick-list. . . . Just when it began to seem like old times having all the boys back again from the wars, two of our 'Bobs' up and leave us. Bob Bing to return to school (University of Illinois) and Bob Stevens to go into his own business. . . . Can't wait to hear a firsthand account of Joe Fennell's hitchhiking trek down Louisiana way with side-kick Red White. Should be some tale! . . . Our little Cashstub-lister, Jeanette Frascona, answered Wisconsin's vacationland beckon for her two weeks with pay.

Meter Reading

BY ANNA MAE KARLAK

As our Gas News goes to press this month, it reviews many a happy occasion. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wright welcomed home their son from the Armed Forces after two years of active service, one and a half years of which were spent overseas. . . . Our congratulations are also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Magistrelli upon the birth of their daughter, Sandra Lee, on September 18, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jankuski and their daughter born on October 17. . . . Among our men still in the Armed Forces are Edwin Foley, who recently paid us a visit before his departure for overseas duty. We all wish him a safe journey and a quick return. . . . Harry Schloetter also joined the service recently and is now with the Army Air Corps. We hope to hear more from him soon. . . . George Pasqua has decided to become a barber since hair cuts have gone sky high. George claims he can do just as good a job himself and has proven it. He is now the envy of all the boys at Ashland Avenue Store. . . . The Ashland Ave. store has been buzzing with activity. The boys have now started a Bowling League; the married men against the single men. Good luck to both teams. We'll let you know the outcome at the termination of the season. . . . We offer our heartiest congratulations to Fred Stieb, Joseph Scotillo, and Edward Nolan on their recent engagements. . . . Our deepest sympathies are extended by the entire department to George Broderick on the passing of his father in his native Ireland.

Central District

BY J. (WOODY) WODNIAKOWSKI

Pictured are Private Walter Sullivan and an acquaintance playing ping pong. Walter was a serviceman at Central District before being drafted and is at present convalescing at Percy Jones Hospital. Though Walter has cause to always remember the past war, we tip our hat to him for his unfaltering courage and his determination to overcome his handicap. We all should be grateful that the terrible conflict is past and that we can help in part by contributing to the Community Fund. . . . Wyatt Coon is also convalescing at home and we hope that when he reads this notice he has fully recovered his health. . . . The Central District boys extend their sympathy to Albert Paez at the death of his brother.

Private Walter Sullivan and an acquaintance get in a game of ping pong

Archives

BY R. C. FITZSIMMONS

William Raden has returned to work after nearly six months illness. Welcome back, Bill, and we hope you will soon be as good as ever. . . . William McMahon took care of the farm for a week at Mundelein. Bill reports he really knows where to eat, meat controls or not, as he butchered two hogs just to be sure. . . . William Ryan put in a tile bathroom during his vacation and feels it was a week well spent. . . . Bruno Burba has now acquired spectacles, not so much to read with, but rather to touch off his already business like demeanor. . . . Die-hard James Maher just had to give way to William Craney after leading for six games in the world series pool. A hard worker that Craney fellow. . . . Honorable Charles Scannell, better known as the "Alderman," controls the "back of the Archives" votes, so be sure to contact him for favors. . . . Matt Kramer, magician, will soon open up larger quarters to care for the suckers he has found for his coin disappearance act. Also a good supply of "Archives Salad," a Legion supper special is now on hand.

Customer Accounting

BY JESS OLSON

BOOKKEEPING

The music of wedding bells continued to sound through the Bookkeeping Department. In a Ceremony solemnized at Nuptial High Mass in St. Agathas Church on October 12, Josephine Rizzo, in traditional white, became the bride of Elmer J. Kasiba. . . . Norma Baumgartner exchanged Miss for Mrs. when she and Martin Wilmot said their marriage vows at the Church of Our Savior, Riverdale, Illinois on October 19. To Josephine and Norma go our best wishes for a future bright with happiness. There can be but one explanation for Betty Ott's sparkling smile these days, a lovely diamond on the third finger, left hand. . . . Stanley Orzech is now a 3 time Bond winner. Some guys have all the luck. . . . The months roll on and vacations continue to hold an important place in the news of the "Books." Mary Farrell journeyed to New Orleans from which point she embarked for La Cuba, Spanish Honduras. It was a delightful trip, Mary reported, heightened by a brush with the recent hurricane. . . . Bill Kaspar had many of us envious when he brought back menus offering various selections of meat. Needless to say, Bill spent his vacation in Canada. Quebec, Montreal and Newfoundland to be specific. . . . A series of visits with relatives took Howard "Doc" White to Kentucky, West Virginia, and Ohio. . . . Her first trip by air "landed" Marion Fenz in Seattle, Washington. There she joined her parents for a motor trip along the Coast to San Francisco and return by the Southern Route. Marion has run out of adjectives to describe the many interesting sights. . . . The wide open spaces beckoned to Eleanor Westoll who returned with glowing accounts of Denver and Colorado Springs. . . . To Hazel Bartz, turbulent New York City held forth a welcoming hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis May

RECEIPTS

We couldn't blame Emil Oldenburg for keeping his hat on when entering a restaurant. Recently, after having his hat cleaned and blocked, it was taken from a hanger while he enjoyed his lunch. After several hours it was returned to him when a man called the restaurant and they in turn called Mr. Oldenberg. . . . We welcome Helen Bresnahan to our department. . . . Esther Setzer has joined the parade of new "Aunts." . . . Caroline Szubka is back with us after her recent illness. We're glad to have you back Carolyn.

KEY PUNCH

Wedding bells rang out for Marie Karbens and Milton Raybould at St. Francis de Sales Church at 10:30 Mass on November 9. We all extend our best wishes to the bride and groom. . . . Lauretta Rashinski has decided to spend her vacation in the city and Celia Trauscht is entertaining guests from out of town. . . . Ruth Mills is spending her vacation visiting relatives in Detroit. . . . The bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. Francis May who were married October 5th. . . . We were very sorry to hear that Edith Russ' mother had to undergo a serious operation on her eye. We hope she has a very speedy recovery.

TABULATING

Highlight of the Marge Sheppard, Francis May wedding was a brilliant neon sign above the reception hall door announcing, "Mr. and Mrs. May, Now." . . . John Smit made sure the Tab room was wide awake by bringing his alarm clock to work. . . . It's a tie score for Evelyn Sitkiewicz who has caught up to Ann Bowman by becoming a great-aunt for the second time. . . . No housing shortage for Mildred Brady's folks who have moved into a brand new house. . . . Welcome to John Dalton, a newcomer to the Tab room. . . . Ole' man winter must be close when Fred Hartman abandons cigars for a pipe. . . . Pictured above are the newly-wedded Mr. and Mrs. Sebescak.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebescak

South District

BY J. SPAIN

In spite of prevailing conditions, the South District Forum was able to conduct a most successful meeting on September 24 at which time meat with all the trimmings was served. The program which was presented through the courtesy of the Republic Burner Division of the Auto Gas Corp. was most interesting. Congratulations to Ex-Chairman James Sweeney for the way he conducted the forum throughout the past season. Best Wishes to Art Eustace who was selected as the new chairman. Art has already arranged a most unusual program for the meetings to come. . . . Congratulations are in order for James A. Murphy, Shop Foreman, who recently reached the half century mark. The boys at the shop presented him with a cake and a little present as a token of the high esteem in which they hold him. . . . Michael Pavletich, Street Mechanic in the Street Department, was transferred to the annuitant roll as of October 1. Best wishes, Mike, and we hope you have many enjoyable years to come. . . . The South District Bowling League is well under way. It is a little too early to make any predictions. . . . Those from South shop who attended the Gas Club dance the evening of October 26 at the Morrison Hotel wish to compliment the committee on the success of the affair.

Auditing

BY ESTHER STREBEL

Congratulations to *1st* Lt. Al Drigot at Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, on being recently promoted to first lieutenant. Al wonders in his last letter if we might not be getting too weak from lack of meat to write. He closed by stating he had to dash off to tackle a few steaks. Sounds as if he might be doing a bit of recruiting on the side. . . . . Seen in passing—Mike Vydareny amusing the office force by letting them try out toys he brings home to his off-spring. . . . The weekend of the Illinois Homecoming game saw loyal Illini rooters, Tom Kirby, Bill Anderson, and Leo Meyer, at Champaign lending moral support to their team. Leo, however, had to make use of his University of Wisconsin connections to get tickets. He got good ones too—on the Wisconsin side. . . . Marge Courtney wound up the summer vacations by hitting St. Louis, New York, and Washington, D. C.—all in two weeks. It'll probably take her all winter to recuperate. . . . Our thanks to former auditor Jim Neill for that beautiful bouquet of his prize dahlias. E. M. Lindsey too has been bringing samples of his horticultural prowess for us to admire. . . . Department employes hope that Lucile Noftsker's recovery is speeded by the blood John Thorne donated.

Statistical

BY ROSEMARY CLYNE

An eager audience is still clamoring for a view of those snappy snapshots Edna Zimmerman brought back from her Canadian vacation. . . . Gaylord Kalseim is determined to prove that the travel folders minimize the beauty of the Smokies. . . . If you don't recognize that smiling gal of the short curly locks, it's Marian Richeson fresh from scissoring. . . . Those eye-catching wool ties Bill Gray is sporting were acquired on his trip to Santa Fe, where the scenery is as colorful as those plaid cravats. . . . "Cuba Here We Come" is the "Stix" theme song since the enthusiastic report of Jacob Faber on his return from the land of the Conga. . . . Friends of War McCallister, usually nicknamed Lucky, are still shaking his hand for having won not one, not two, but *three* baseball pools.

Service Dispatching

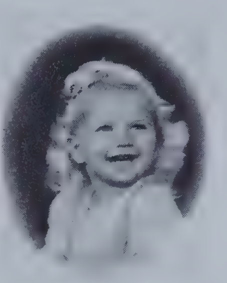
BY GEORGE KAZUNAS

On October 26, Pearl Lindemann will make a stately and charming bride when she exchanges vows. Of course, she'll be thrilled to get those post-war pots and pans, sheets and towels, etc. Most of all, however, has someone a home or apartment to spare her? PLEASE, dear Reader, what can you do for Pearl? . . . The men's party was well attended by our group. For once Frank Walsh did not get his picture took. Now, in anticipation of the Fall Party at the Terrace Casino, Frank is shopping for a new suit in the hope his group will be in the spotlight and have themselves "mugged."

North Sales

BY P. W. LANDGREN

Robert L. Bodine was married on August 7 to Gunvar Berg. . . . A son, David Alexander, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Merrill on September 4. . . . Ercell Lock, daughter of Harry Lock, was married recently to Pvt. Robert Richardson of the Army Air Corps. . . . Major Lawson E. Hahn visited the office recently. Ed has decided to remain in the Army and is stationed in Tennessee. . . . Dominic Bergelis, former sales engineer, is working as an Industrial Engineer with the Utility Company at San Bernardino, California. Before his recent discharge from the Army Signal Corps, Dom attained the rank of full Colonel. . . . Otto Tilsner, Rome Holtz, and Rex Santoro spent their vacations in California this summer; Otto and Rome visited their sons and Rex his mother and sister. Otto spent an evening with Marve Boss, who is now living on the coast. . . . New salesmen are A. J. Dunn and Hugh Falvey with Harry Lock; Arthur Travnick with Henry Hatting; Steve Savage in Ed Gifford's group, and E. Windle with Ed Nolan. . . . Betty Bailey is our new Home Service girl and Mary Wdzieczna our new clerk. Tom Dimond has been transferred from the Main Office as a clerk in the engineering section and Robert Weldon from Central District is our new sales engineer. . . . The smiling youngster pictured here is Mary McAuslan at two years. Mary is the daughter of our clerk Peter McAuslan.



Mary McAuslan

Crawford

BY JAMES HEGARTY

Well, Mrs. Amedro, we made it. . . . Joe Henigsman, Tony Coyle, Jim Baker, Billy Wood, and Mike Jordan were among those attending the Men's party at the Hotel Morrison. "Big Frank" Frankovich, one of our annuitants, joined the boys for a nice evening of cards. Among the other Crawford representatives at the party were: Freddy Duke, Marsh Tonneman, and T. J. (the man) Byers. . . . Perhaps a bit tardy—but congratulations to proud papa Nick Gabor on the recent addition to the Gabor homestead. Charley Librizzi is our newest daddy, announcing that Mrs. L. presented him with a bouncing baby gal on October 14. That makes two girls for Charley to watch out for. . . . Reports from the west end of the plant have it that Joe Henigsman, one of our better keglers, is having a bit of trouble getting started this season. Rumor even hath it that Mrs. Henigsman has already taken Joe into camp a few times. Let's go, Joe. . . . Homer Wormley's daughter recently returned to the bosom of her family after serving Uncle Sam for more than 2½ years. She was discharged from the WAC at San Antonio and reports many interesting experiences to her dad. Her travels took her through most of the South and Southwest escorting patients between Army General Hospitals. . . . We extend our sympathy to annuitant J. W. Hanson Grundy whose wife passed away October 9, in Steubenville, Ohio, where they were residing.

General Accounting

BY MARTY WALSH

The Review Section employes are so fed up on Halsted Street lamb that they organized a club to buy shells for our two suburbanites, Bill Webster and Art Hansen. The two hunters promised to supply plenty of game if we furnished the ammunition. Tell the wife to be prepared for anything from squirrel to bear steaks. . . . Mary Talley surprised us with a beautiful diamond a short time ago and now we hear that wedding bells will be ringing in Blue Island on November 2. The lucky man, Robert Hughes, is employed by the Pullman Company. . . . Clyde DuVall, Joe Thomas, Sam White, and George Fisher motored to South Bend for the Pittsburgh game. Ruth Lautenbach and Dorothy Crotty enjoyed the Purdue Notre Dame game despite rainy weather. . . . The Review Section welcomes John Best into the Department. "Tweet" Flick and Jean Pryor are going to buy roller skates if the bus strike lasts another week. It seems that no appropriation was made for cab fare in their 1946 budget. We are all pulling for the speedy recovery of our scribe, Lucile Noftsker, who is in Passavant Hospital. . . . Hank Rolston, Kenny Love, Ike Seiler and wife, and John Cruickshank, who attended the American Legion Convention in San Francisco recently, reported the trip as "most pleasurable," which should earn them an award of some sort as authors of this year's most obvious understatement.

Methods and Routines

BY E. W. REGAN

Ralph McCollum was married, on November 9, to Corene Woodworth of Chicago. The ceremony was held in Bond Chapel on the campus of the University of Chicago. Congratulations and lots of good luck to you, Mr. and Mrs. McC! . . . Norm Schultz has been elected Treasurer of the Chicago Junior Association of Commerce. Nice going, Norm!

Customers Order

BY ROBERT POTTHOFF

On October 2, James Parks became a grandfather. His daughter, Betty, had a baby boy. Jim is certainly a young looking grandpap with no gray hair as yet. . . . Bernice Czaplicki, one of our night telephone exchange girls, was ill in the hospital. Bernice is now home convalescing. . . . Did you fellows all notice the red hair on a young lady in our completed file? Her name is Therese Smith. . . . Paul Ludwig, again competing on the air on the "Mr. and Mrs." program, won second prize of a full set of Mirro Aluminum ware. . . . Rubie Swartout is expected back with us soon after quite an illness. . . . Phil Dittmer was in and shook hands all around upon leaving our Company. Best of luck, Phil. . . . Frank Vita returned to the order table after working two weeks on the balcony. On the day of his departure from the second floor our young ladies, Lois Klebenow, Dorothy Fleishman, and Laverne Kasmer showered him with gay halloween trinkets together with a card which read: "To our favorite pin-up boy, from his three witches." They then all shared three dozen doughnuts and coffee. Quite a send off; but then Frank always was very popular, being the only single man on the table. . . . James Enright was in for a visit. . . . John Murtaugh and Frank Brodie favored us by attending Tony May's farewell dinner. Both seemed in good health and very happy to be there. A short talk was given by Eugene LaFond and our entertainers Russell Steege, Walter Neveu, and Maurice Edgeworth gave out with old time songs. Alva Quimet and James Mitchell helped to make things run smoothly at the dinner and Tony May's two sons were introduced. Carl Haase "shot" a lot of pictures but limited space prevents us from printing more than one or two. Vice President Eddy and his new assistant James Waddick attended as did John Naylor, Jeff Redfield, and Earl Smith. After the dinner many of the order takers attended the men's stag. At our table was Frank Strumski, August Goldschmidt, Ralph Zahringer, Bill Ryan, Art Nelson, Walter Ayres, and Dr. Lloyd LaPres, a guest.

At a retirement dinner, James Mitchell wishes Tony May much luck and leisure

Customers

BY PAUL M. STROM

The cigars and candy passed around the office were on Joe Marasia whose son and heir, James Joseph, arrived on September 26, weighing in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Congratulations, Joe! . . . E. B. McMahon, known to all of us as "Skip," is on the sick list. Latest report is that he is well on the road to recovery and should be back to work again real soon. . . . Jack Cornelius left us to join up with the Collection Department. Best of luck to you, Jack. . . . Although some of the boys lost their shirts playing cards at the men's party, we all had a grand time. . . . Two former members, P. T. Walsh and Nick Stewart, paid us visits. . . . We have added three new members to our happy family—Earl Chouinard, Cyril Race, and Steve Foran. Earl was with the Credit and Collection Department before signing up with Uncle Sam's Navy where he spent 27 months. Cy, also a member of Uncle Sam's "Blue Jackets," comes to us from the Customers Order. Steve is from the Meter Reading. Welcome, fellows. . . . It's going to be a long cold winter for the Jim Kirkwood family. Their home has been sold so it looks like they will have to live in a tent.

Employe Relations

BY MARIAN BRYANT

Dorothy Armstrong again took to the clouds for a fast trip home to Douglas, Arizona, for her vacation. Her golf clubs went along with her for some low-score games on the Douglas course. . . . Harry Petrakos was another one to heed the call of the West this year. He spent several delightful days in and around Los Angeles taking in all the sights. . . . Ernest Beaumont combined his pleasure with business this time. He attended the American Gas Association Convention in Atlantic City and then toured the New England states. . . . The 34th National Safety Congress and Exposition at the Stevens hotel kept Merrill Flatner busy attending the various conferences. . . . Notre Dame was spurred on to victory by one of its most avid rooters, Lenore Carroll, who cheered for her favorite team at a number of its games this season. . . . Helen Nevins received a good-looking maroon-colored pen and pencil set from her co-workers for her October birthday.

Tax and Property Accounting

BY DOROTHY M. TEUBER

The last vacationers are back. . . . Edith Heuermann enjoyed hers in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Kathryn Gibbons flew to Quantico, Virginia, but inclement weather forced her to be grounded on the way back. Ed Pietraszek worked in a lumber camp in Minnesota and says it's the only way to spend a vacation. . . The Ziethens and Stoessers toured the west coast, then to Texas and Mexico, but all Joe talks about is Mexico; wonder what went on down there. Could you tell us, Joe? . . . Bill Fyffe's son, Jack, who is in the Navy will be assigned to a hospital ship after his leave of a month is over. . . . After five years in the Army Air Force, we welcome to the Property Accounting Department Lt. Col. Bob Keeney. . . . Congratulations to Joe Stoesser who was installed as Commander of the Peoples Gas Post of the American Legion on October 15. Good luck, Joe, for a successful year. . . . We in the Tax Department are very happy that the Aurora and Elgin strike is over because that means all Ted Koenig's troubles faded away. . . . Alice Wasson spent another week-end in Milwaukee, to see, well, she says her niece. . . . Pictured is Gail Irene the 6-month-old daughter of the John Carlsons. She looks like she keeps things moving at her house.

Gail Irene Carlson

Stores Warehouse

BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

As you can plainly see by this picture, Archie D. Wharton is the "Champ" fisherman of our department. These are a few of the beautiful pike he caught at Portage Lake, Bena, Minnesota, where the Whartons spent their vacation. It is a good likeness of Archie, and took a lot of coaxing to get this picture for publication. . . . Dick Sover is confined to St. Elizabeth's Hospital where he underwent an operation, which is the result of an injury received overseas. We hope you will soon be back with us, Dick. . . . Francis Dowling, our efficient timekeeper, is not the same since the Red Sox lost the pennant. . . . Pat Daly, Charles Madison, and Herman Ruppman were rewarded this month for very fine suggestions. . . . We extend our sincerest sympathy to Ross Brown on the loss of his mother.

Archie Wharton

Research and Testing

BY GEORGE M. DOWSE

Steve Brophy drove up to Quebec, Canada, during his vacation; and came back with glowing reports of Canadian hospitality. While there, Steve cultivated the friendship of a young French-Canadian, and as a result learned to speak French quite fluently. His lightning-like brain concocted the idea of sending all his friends post cards written in French. To say that said friends were baffled and puzzled, is putting it mildly. We wonder if Steve ever confessed what he wrote, or if the poor people are still wondering what it's all about. . . . Quite a few of the boys journeyed out to Wheeling, Illinois, on the evening of Oct. 11, to attend the annual birthday party held for Frank Mueller's father, Mr. Peter Mueller. Those attending were Messrs. Kleeberg, Willson, Fredrick, Hanko, Latham, Cook, Dorner and Mueller. It was Mr. Mueller's seventy-fourth birthday. The gang all played pinochle and poker until the wee small hours. A good time was had by all. . . . Your scribe had a very serious problem to solve the other Saturday. We struggled for hours trying to decide whether to obey our conscience and wash windows and do other odd jobs around the house; or to go and see Northwestern play Minnesota. What did we finally do? Gee, but that was a thrilling play when the Wildcats stopped the Gophers on the one yard line in the last quarter to keep 'em from tying the score. . . . Our profound sympathy to Lancel Jacobson for the loss of his mother.

Budget

BY JEANETTE LEDENE

Congratulations are extended to Bill Sauer and Mrs. Sauer upon the birth of a baby girl. At the present time, Bill is enjoying his vacation, and the new addition to his home. . . . We welcome Jack McDermott to our department. Jack previously served as a captain in the Finance Department of the U. S. Army.

Engineering

BY T. B. PETTY

The Department extends its deepest sympathy to Bill Ryan and Van Lund in the recent losses of their mothers. . . . Cliff Older has recently returned after five years in the Navy. He served in the Pacific theatre on LST's and transports and was released as a Lieutenant Commander. . . . In fact our ranks are indeed bulging, with the return of Joe Morrison --hale and hearty after his operation; the addition of Van Lund to the Electrical Engineering group; and the additions of Gilbert Button and Richard Barnes to the Drafting Section. Gilbert is only with us temporarily, on loan from Credit and Collection. . . . Harry Bates attended the recent A.G.A. convention in Atlantic City. . . . Al Canar returned from his vacation in the North Woods of Wisconsin and reports the fishing was excellent.

Peoples Gas Building

BY MARGE BROWN

Jack Frick and "Rocky" DeLeonardis took a trip by airplane to St. Louis, Missouri, to see the Cardinals beat the Red Sox on October 13. The trip was almost as exciting as the game, they said. . . . While speaking of baseball, perhaps we should mention that Pat Monahan was extremely happy that the Cardinals won the World's Series. . . . Wesley Richmond, our chief engineer, and Anna Wojnarowski, janitress are both off because of illness. We sincerely hope you'll both return soon in the best of health. . . . "Scotty" White and Norman Anderson, both night men from the Power Plant, have an argument over who's going to pay the bill for coffee in the morning. . . . Welcome to new employes this month who are Arthur Pilarski, window washer, James Filipello and Charles Pasesas, both night janitors.

Messenger

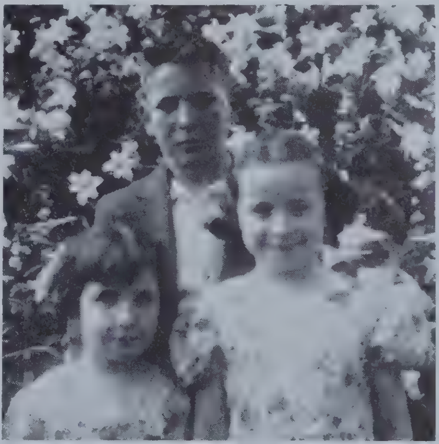
BY HARRY FOX

Jack Todd, a former messenger left for the Army and is in the paratroopers in North Carolina. We all want to wish you the best of luck, Jack, and hope to see you back soon. . . . Vince Ambrosia received a promotion to the Mail Division. Good luck, Vince. . . . You should have seen Jack Ball and Bill Melvin after a hard Sunday of football not so long ago. They came in that Monday morning hardly able to walk. Have you finally straightened out the kinks, boys?

Purchasing

BY HELEN LAMEIKA

Bill Fullam came into the office Monday morning, October 14, with a determined step, a crisp hello, and plunged into his work—all as a result of that wonderful restful vacation which he spent in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, plus a jaunt to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. . . . The following week LD Keeslar returned from his two week trip to California where he had attended the American Legion National Convention. . . . Gardening and scouting have kept Clarence Patterson close to "mother nature." He was General Camp Director of three overnight outings —the Spring Pow-Wow at Marquette Park, the Scouters' Round-Up at Camp Kiwanis, and the Fall Camporee at Camp Harrison. He climaxed the season as a director of the Boy Scout Exposition at Soldier Field on October 24. His is a scouting family—Clarence, Jr., is a scout; daughter, Joy, is a Brownie; his wife is a Cub Den Mother, and Lois is nonpartisan on account of age. . . . We urge Walter McCabe to keep up his habit of dropping in to see us.


The young Pattersons, Lois, Clarence, Jr., and Joy

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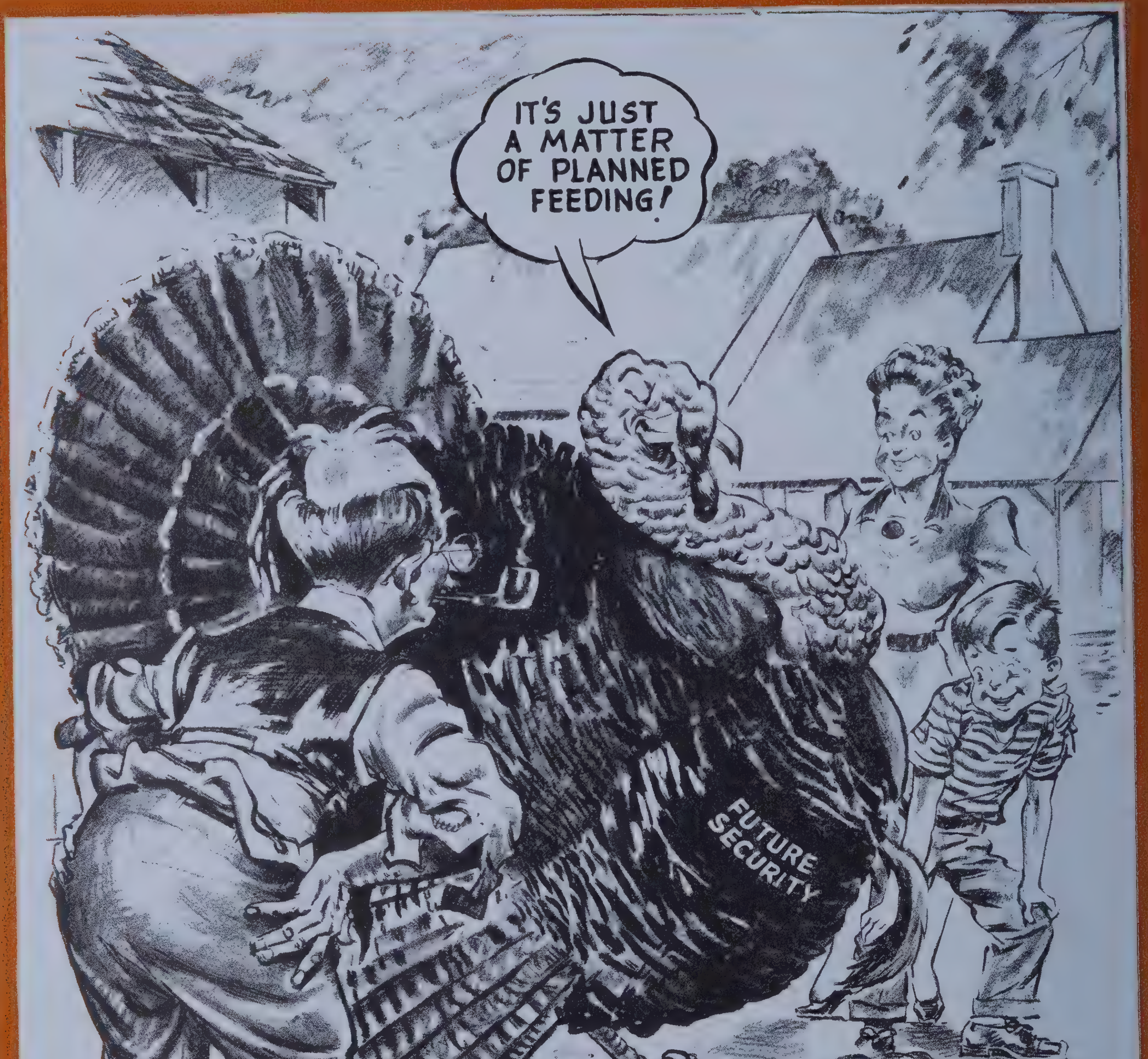
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Merry Christmas

Gas News

DECEMBER 1946

Season's Greetings

THE YEAR just drawing to a close has presented many difficult operating problems to American industry and your Company has been no exception.

We approach the New Year with the earnest hope that these problems will find a solution that will be helpful to the citizens of our country in all walks of life.

A large number of employes who had been in Government service have returned and it is with satisfaction that we welcome them back to the Company's service.

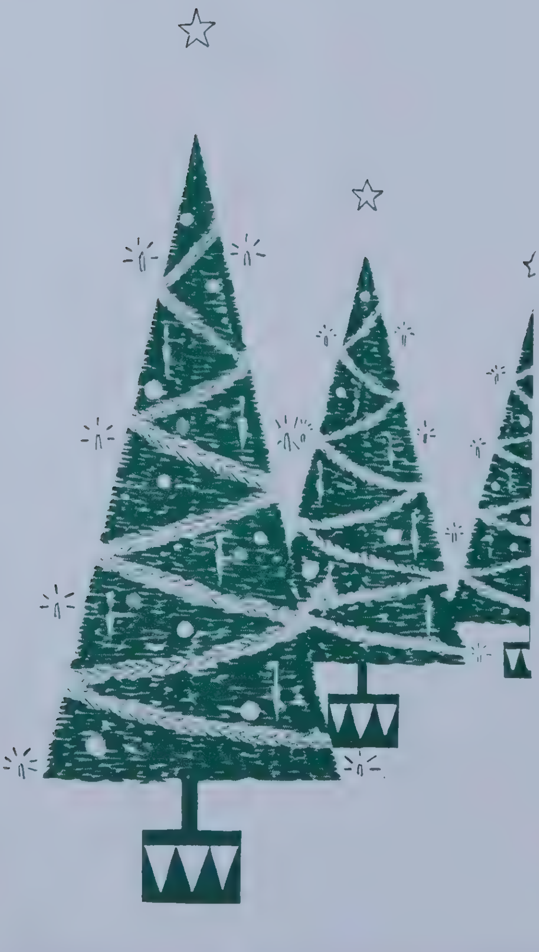
It is a source of gratification to the Management as it must be to every employe on the Company's pay-roll, that the service to our customers has been maintained at a high level of efficiency.

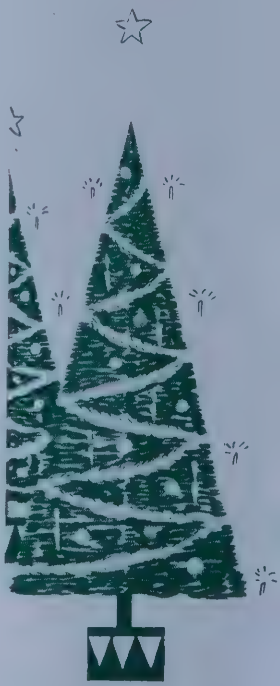
To each and every member of our organization I want to send my cordial thanks for a job well done and my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Very sincerely yours

George A. Ranney

CHAIRMAN





GAS News

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America Did it in 150 Years

In order for a person to see first hand how high the living standard of Americans has been raised during the past 150 years, all he has to do is visit some of the homes which have been preserved since the dawn of the country's history. An examination of the crude tools, the awkward heating, cooking, and cleaning methods of those times would be more convincing than a dozen textbooks.

The attendants at those old landmarks in Williamsburg, Va., Annapolis, Md., Salem or Marblehead, Mass., and others, would disclose that cooking was done in the fireplace, that frying was done on a huge "spider", and that roasting was done on a "spit." Beside the hearth was a "bed warmer", a container for heated stones or coals to be placed in bed on cold nights.

On frigid evenings, the whole family huddled around the fire place, and read to the fluttering light of candles or whale-oil lamps,. There was no indoor plumbing, and the bathtub consisted of a wooden bucket, even in many of the most fashionable homes. Oil was a patent medicine; gas had just been discovered and was unknown to most of the populace. The horse was the only means of rapid land transportation, and communication was equally slow.

All of this has been changed in 150 years—a mere tick of the clock in terms of man's presence here on earth. Seldom in history have living conditions improved very much in a single century. But during the last 150, especially the past 100 years, they have changed enormously in this country.

The natural question, upon observing this great change, is WHY? It couldn't have been solely a matter of natural resources, because Russia, China, South America, Manchuria, China, and Africa are richly endowed with those raw materials, and they didn't use them. Could it be racial stock? Hardly! We are a hodge podge and mixture of all races and nationalities. Could it be our economic system? Our way of doing things? Perhaps, because that is the one thing that has been peculiar to our country.

The system that we have, which has given us the highest living standard on earth—electricity, automobiles, telephones, automatic cooking and heating, planes, radio, television, radar, and an endless variety of modern conveniences, is known as the "system of private competitive enterprise." Some people call it the "capitalist system," or the "profit system," but all of them mean the same thing.

No business man, whether he be peanut vendor, grocer, farmer, or industrialist, will long continue to run his business at a loss. No man is willing to invest his money and work for nothing. Hence, profit is the life blood of the American competitive system. But every business man takes a risk of loss, because always around the corner there lurks the possibility of a competitor who has a better product at a lower price. Competition, therefore, breeds improvement; and yet each improvement must have the endorsement of the buying public. Without widespread buyer acceptance of a product or a service, the business which sponsors it cannot long survive.

Our American way, when applied under normal conditions, stimulates invention, rewards improvement, encourages production, and simplifies buying. It is the envy of the civilized world. It has made this country great among nations, and at the same time it has raised our living standards during the past 150 years to a point far greater than any other period of a thousand years in human history.

A retrospective glance into Paul Revere's day will give us an appreciation of the progress we have made—and are still making.

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The Cover

The toys, ornaments, and branches of the Christmas tree on this issue's cover help to remind us of that happy morning on December 25 to which we all look forward with great anticipation each year.

The NEWS staff artist, Tony Young, has produced a four tone effect with two colors by means of shading with red and green. The tag at the bottom conveys our sincere wish to all our readers for the merriest of Christmases, and we might add that we hope 1947 will be a happy and prosperous year for you all.

Above is a general view of the Stores Department main office at the Warehouse Building. Here the administration work and related "paper work" of the department is kept in tune with the present and future stock requirements of other departments in the system.

Stores Department

Supply Base of the Company

Rudolph Beuchel, left, and Patrick Daly, right shown above, maintain the department's Coding File. Each stock item is assigned a code number to avoid duplication of similar items kept in stock and on record. Part of the file is shown in the background.

The stock record cards in the system, numbering 50,000 in all, are kept in the card file cabinets shown in pictures at left and right. There are 30 cabinets and 575 trays in the index system. At left, are shown Verla Lense and Dorothy Kopera, working on the cards.

In the picture at right, Florence Nolan and Margaret Coyne are making entries on the stock record cards reflecting withdrawals from or additions to stock.

ANYONE having the opportunity to visit the Company's Central Warehouse and branch storerooms would soon discover that it takes a heap of supplies to run a large public utility corporation. In addition to the tremendous volume, they would find a great variety of items, from pencil leads to pipe sections four feet wide. In fact items large and small, liquid and solid, heavy and light, tough and fragile, and in all shapes, sizes, and colors—are the everyday business of the Stores Department. It is an integral link in our chain of gas business activities, all of which combine to help produce our product and render our service to almost a million gas customers.

Huge Quantities Involved

The Stores Department takes in its stride such mammoth items as 22 million IBM cards (used in automatic billing and accounting machines), 12 million envelopes of all types, a million sheets of typing and correspondence paper, and another million of mimeograph paper in a single year, just to mention a few paper products. In iron or steel items it runs up a tremendous total, with over a million feet of steel pipe, 30,000 1½ inch couplings, and about 50,000 ¾ inch elbows. About 150,000 feet of six inch cast iron pipe is ordered, stored, and issued in an average year. In fact, much of the 10,000 miles of gas pipe in the city's streets today passed through the hands of Stores Department employes before it was laid.

Materials In Great Variety

While some of the materials run into rather heavy figures, as indicated above, the magnitude of the storekeeper's job, in a business as large as ours, is based more on the number and variety of items regularly carried in stock than in the individual quantities involved. For example, the Stores Department orders, receives, stores, delivers, and keeps stock records on approximately 50,000 items. It actually amounts to a business within a business. What makes it more complicated is the fact that some of the materials are kept in the local storerooms of the district shops, the production and distribution stations, and the main office, as well as in the main warehouse at 45 East Pershing Road.

The administration end of the Stores Department is headed by General Storekeeper Lester R. Michelsen, and

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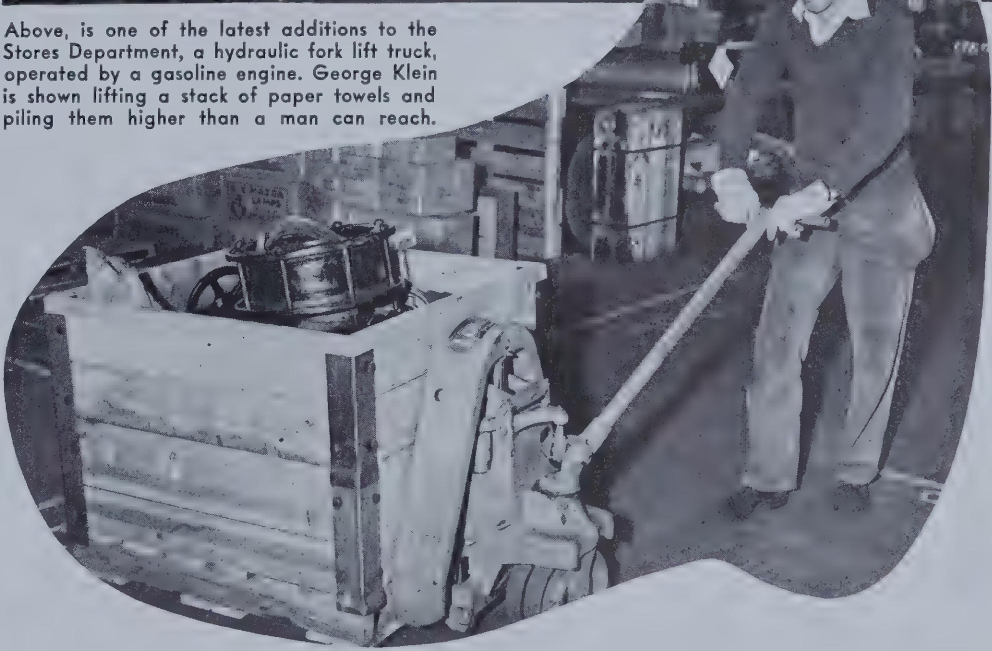
Above, is one of the latest additions to the Stores Department, a hydraulic fork lift truck, operated by a gasoline engine. George Klein is shown lifting a stack of paper towels and piling them higher than a man can reach.



Another handy piece of equipment for moving heavy objects safely and quickly is the hydraulic hand operated pallet machine. With the aid of sectional "stacking bins," Christopher Tebbens above, is preparing an order for delivery for one of the District shops.

A busy place is the General Materials storeroom, shown below, where fittings, valves, and similar objects are stored for distribution throughout the system where they are used.

John Tracey, above, is the custodian of the Addressograph plates and the Graphotype machine which makes a type impression on the metal plates. The impressions from these plates appear on the stock record cards, and on the bin labels in the various stockrooms throughout the Company—thus insuring a uniformity in stock record keeping.

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his assistant Harold Wade, located at the Central Storehouse at 45 East Pershing Road. There are supervisors over the local storerooms, the Stationery Section and the warehouse. Local storekeepers are in charge of the local storerooms, and they are assisted by senior stockmen.

Elaborate Coding System

The functional activities of the department rotate around and branch outward from an elaborate stock record system which runs as smoothly as a jewelled watch. Housed in 30 file cabinets, and 575 trays, the stock record cards enable the department to keep a constant tab on those 50,000 items. Each stock item is assigned a stores item number under the coding system, and each card shows the amount on hand and the average usage of the item, so that the stock record clerk will know about how long the present supply will last under normal conditions.

In addition to supplying the equipment (except for furniture, rolling stock, and office machines and similar units) for all the district shops, branch offices, stations, and all main office departments, the Stores Department routes and loads a fleet of trucks for the delivery of gas appliances to the showrooms, and to all customers who purchase those appliances through the Domestic Sales Department. In a normal year, the Department also handles over 40,000 of those appliances until inspected, assembled, and sold, using much of the 80,000 cubic feet of storage space in the warehouse building for the purpose.

Varied Supply Technique

The Stores Department actually does no buying, but it does issue orders for the material. Frequently, when large quantities are required over a period of a year, the material to cover the year's needs will be ordered in advance, and delivered as needed. Other items are ordered in small quantities by means of individual purchase requisitions to the Purchasing Department.

By keeping a constant watch over the pulsebeat of the business, the storekeepers have managed to keep abreast of most of the Company's wide variety of needs for materials of every description. During the war, the words "out of stock" were topmost in the storekeepers vocabulary, and some items are in short supply even today. However, things are beginning to improve, and it can't happen too soon for the Stores Department personnel. They are fully cognizant of their part in the scheme of things, and know that supplies are the blood stream of the gas business.

Next Issue—Local Branches of the Stores Department In Picture and Story

Loaded on the elongated hand truck, and being pushed onto the Warehouse freight elevator, is a typical order for the main office. At left is Jack Svitonovich, and lending a hand at the front end is Joseph Horazy.

Truck loading at the dock of the warehouse begins late in the afternoon. Handling the cartons is William Miller, loading the new range is Joseph Horazy, while the Servel is being pushed aboard by Jack Svitonovich. Loading Foreman John Suker is shown at extreme left.

March of Dimes Drive Begins on January 15

THE "MARCH OF DIMES" campaign to help those who are suffering from infantile paralysis and its after-effects, will be held between January 15-30, 1947, according to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Todd Leaves for Service

DURING THE MONTH of October a military leave of absence was granted to John Joseph Todd, who worked as a messenger in the Treasury Receiving Department.

Olson Elected Club President; Spain Is New Vice President

Gas Club election day has come and gone, leaving in its wake a new set of officers for the year 1947. The office of president was won by Jesse Olson, Customer Accounting Department, who was 1946 entertainment chairman.

The race for the vice presidency was won by Joseph Spain, of South District. His rival for the office was Merlin L. Smith, of the Methods and Routines.

Julia Petrauskas, Stationery Section, is the newly elected secretary of the Club. She ran against Vivian Eby, Customer Accounting. The office of assistant secretary was won by Mary Monahan, General Accounting, who was opposed for the title by Esther Burke, Customer Accounting.

James Snyder, Treasury-Receiving, was first elected treasurer in November 1942, and is now entering his fifth consecutive year in that office.

This year voting divisions 1, 3, 4 and 5 elected new executive committee members. The new additions to the Committee for 1947 will be: Edward Cody, Coke Sales, representing Division One; Francis Dowling, Stores Department, Division Three; William Helme, Industrial Sales, Division Four; and Joseph McNerney, Bookkeeping, re-elected to represent Number Five.

File These Coupons

The following is a list of suggestion coupon numbers which have as yet not been claimed by suggesters.

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Thirteen Win Cash Awards In Time for Christmas

Christmas will be cheerier for thirteen employes this year since the ideas for suggestions they "sowed" have borne fruit in the form of "folding money."

Leila Libby, Meter Reading, and Herman Ruppmann, Stores-Warehouse, each submitted two adoptable suggestions to the Committee and were awarded $15.

Ten dollar award winners were: John Principe, Crawford Station; Frank McCann, Central District; Robert McGann, Customers Order; and Andrew Klawitter, Meter Shop. In addition, Millard Keller, Stores-Warehouse, was given $10 for his two suggestions which were worth $5 each to the Company.

The following six employes were paid $5 for their ideas: Florence Merklen, Claim; Patrick Daly, Stores-Warehouse; Daniel Kelly, North District; James Minehan, Customers Order; Richard Cahill, Customers; and Florence Lees, General Accounting.

Above, two-time winner Millard Keller, is shown discussing his idea with L. R. Michelson, center, and Harold Wade, left, of the Stores Department. Below, Liela Lilly, Bill Delivery, celebrates the winning of awards for two ideas, by having a little refreshment with girl friends. They are, left to right, Dorothy Mazurek, Lillian Gremba, Miss Lilly, Elizabeth Gray and Anna Mae Karlak.

1947 Vehicle Forms Available in Library

APPLICATIONS FOR 1947 vehicle license plates and stickers are now obtainable in the library, Room 1607.

According to a letter signed by the Secretary of State Edward J. Barrett, a number of applications have been returned to applicants who have neglected to provide complete and correct information or the required supporting evidence.

An applicant's failure to file a "complete" form not only causes needless work for those handling applications, but also inconveniences the individual by delay.

Detailed instructions are printed on the form. In order to facilitate matters, it is suggested that the applicant read the instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.

More Than Half of Gas Workers Buying Bonds

Slightly more than half of the personnel of Peoples Gas is continuing the regular purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds by means of payroll deductions as a method of saving for the future. This total is about 30 per cent below the peak of last year

During 1945, the aggregate deductions for Bonds amounted to slightly more than five per cent of the total payroll, while during 1946 the deductions totaled almost three per cent.

Petty Wins Scribes Prize

THOMAS PETTY, Engineering, won the scribes contest of $5.00 for the month of December. Judges were: Jack Hand, Davidson Publishing Company, and Jane Connelly, Connelly Company.

97 Per Cent of Employes Give to Community Fund During Recent Drive

AT THE CLOSE of the Community Fund campaign within the Peoples Gas organization, November 14, the figures revealed that 97 per cent of all employes on the payroll subscribed to the Fund, and that the total amount contributed or pledged was $15,019, or approximately $3.77 per employe.

On behalf of the welfare organization, the Company wishes to thank those who contributed in the drive for their help to the needy of our community.

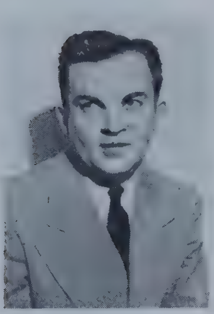
Card of Thanks

GEORGE BRODERICK wishes to express his deep appreciation to all the friends, who extended their sympathy on the occasion of his recent bereavement.

Gas Legionnaires Commemorate Armistice Day

A large group of Gas Legionnaires gathered on the main floor of the Peoples Gas Building at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, to commemorate Armistice Day. The ceremonies took place in front of the company's War Service memorial, containing the names of those who served in World War II. In the foreground are: left to right, John Hughes, Leon Piekes, Al Ward, P. J. McGuigan, Arthur Flobeck, and J. C. Stoesser.

Albin Fant Directs Leyden Christian Youth Club



Albin Fant, North Shop special serviceman, is the director of the Leyden Christian Youth Club in the basement of the Leyden Baptist Church at 3400 Oriole Avenue.

The club provides recreational facilities for its 125 members who pay dues of a few cents a week. He takes the boys on trips through the woods and parks in the summer, and supervises their baseball games and other activities.

Mr. Fant recognized the need for this youth center in that community in 1943 and in the fall of that year he obtained permission to use the basement of the church as a club room. Mr. Fant started with the Company in October 1933, and has since that time been employed at North District.

Gas Ads

- For Sale — A four grave lot in Acacia Park Cemetery in Chicago. Contact annuitant Charles J. Boyd, 305 North Charles Street, Room 917, Baltimore, Maryland.
- For Sale—Girls Ranger bicycle. Full size with balloon tires, light and horn. Brown and white. Phone R. Jaffke, local 861.
- Wanted—Three or four room apartment, furnished or unfurnished. Phone Merrill Flatner, local 888.

Service Anniversaries
December 1946

45 YEARS
Lauzon, David J., Drafting

35 YEARS
Kass, Daniel, Meter Shop
McMahon, Edward B., Customers'

30 YEARS
Athenstadt, Fred, Meter Shop
Busby, Ernest G. J., Meter Shop

25 YEARS
Bowman, Seymore, Crawford Station
Fee, Owen M., Customers'
Hardison, Arthur, Crawford Sta.
Kleidon, Louis H., South District
Patz, Gustave, Crawford Station
Swenson, Harry, Display and Home Planning Section

Santa to Reign Supreme At Club Christmas Show

Two Performances Scheduled for December 21.

On December 21, when the little tots are bundled up and taken to the Civic Opera Building, at Madison and Market Streets, they'll find that The Peoples Gas Club has selected a fine location for its annual Christmas Party. After they have been seated in the huge opera auditorium a while on that Saturday before Christmas, they'll appreciate the grand show that is being staged for them.

The show, which will consist of two identical performances, is being staged by an experienced showman, Manfred Gotthelf, director of entertainment for the Morrison Hotel, in cooperation with the Club's Entertainment Committee. In an elaborate setting, on a stage from which the voices of opera stars have thrilled thousands of Chicagoans for two decades, Santa Claus will reign supreme. The theme of the show will be "Cinderella's Dream of Christmas."

Employes desiring tickets are urged to fill in their applications as soon as possible, indicating whether they prefer the 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. performance.

Christmas shows are an old tradition with the Gas Family, going at least as far back as the days following the first World War. In past years, mothers have braved all sorts of weather to bring the youngsters downtown to attend the Club's big show. They were not disappointed, and, from all indications they'll find this year's performances equally as thrilling.

Eight Old Timers Retire December 1

Ned H. Chapman

Mr. Chapman started with the Company on November 9, 1921. His entire 25 years of service has been at South District. He has served as Street Foreman since April 1, 1937.

James J. Heaney

Mr. Heaney's service dates from January 9, 1914. Most of his time has been in the capacity of Engineman. He has always worked at Calumet Station.

Wallace W. Joslyn

North District is the only department in which Mr. Joslyn has worked in his 23 years of service. His position at time of retirement was Truck Loader. His date of employment was July 5, 1923.

Michael Schmitz

Mr. Schmitz started to work for the Company on February 19, 1908. Shortly after, he was promoted to engineman, his job at time of retirement. He has worked at 110th St. Station during his entire period of service.

Rudolph Ray

All of Mr. Ray's 26 years employment has been in building maintenance work in the Peoples Gas Building Department. His service dates from November 8, 1920.

Adam Trapp

Mr. Trapp started to work on July 1, 1910 as a clerk in the Engineering and Street Department. Two and a half years later he was appointed Secretary to the Board of Underground Work of Public Utilities of the City of Chicago working from the Distribution Department.

John Janega

On March 30, 1913, Mr. Janega started to work as Janitor in the Peoples Gas Building Department. He was promoted to Assistant Night Building Service Foreman in 1926 and became Night Foreman August 1, 1939.

William Marshall

Mr. Marshall started with the Company on September 5, 1905. His entire period of service has been in the production department of the operating division. He has been Superintendent of Calumet Station since August 1, 1920.

Six Perfect Score Departments As Safety Contest Nears End

At the end of the third quarter, six of the twenty departmental groups still had a zero percentage or perfect score in the Safety Contest and two others show a reduction over last year. Unfortunately our experience has paralleled that of other companies and our total of 88 lost time injuries represents about 30 per cent increase over the 64 in the first nine months of 1945.

Redoubled personal effort with continued supervisory interest is essential in the closing weeks of the year to hold our record at the best possible level.

In the first group Research and Testing leads with a perfect score which if maintained will duplicate last year's performance and earn an increased prize.

In the second group North Station has the largest number of employes with a perfect score to date. Last year a December accident marred their record. Calumet, Transportation, and 22nd Street also threaten to qualify for duplicate prizes with perfect scores. If they do, it will be a repeat of last year's record.

The third group is more hotly contested than the scores indicate. Some contested cases involving men returned to other than their regular duties may call for judicial decision and may decide the issue. North District holds the edge currently with an indicated perfect score.

Crawford and Meter Reading have contests within the departments and rivalry runs high. The mechanical group leads at Crawford and North Section in Meter Reading but anything can happen.

Everybody wins by preventing accidents. Help yourself, your department, your company, and your family by starting right now to practice safely so perisistently that in 1947 it will be a habit leading to a better record.

Contest Standings as of November 30

	Injuries	Accident Score	Last year score
*Research and Testing	0	0.00	0.00
Credit and Collection	1	1.01	0.00
Peoples Gas Building	2	1.26	1.33
Stores	1	1.59	0.00
Meter Repair	5	3.11	0.00
*North Station	0	0.00	0.00
*Calumet	0	0.00	0.00
*Transportation	0	0.00	0.00
*22nd Street	0	0.00	0.00
Chicago District Pipeline	1	3.70	0.00
Division	3	5.36	0.00
South Station	4	7.84	2.63
110th Street	4	12.50	6.90
*North District	0	0.00	0.94
Central District	4	1.30	.41
South District	8	2.22	1.44
Meter Reading	17	8.90	11.84
Crawford	30	6.96	6.45

*indicates prize winners

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NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

The twenty-eighth annual convention of the American Gas Association in Atlantic City, N. J., October 7-11, lived up to all expectations. It smashed records in almost every category. The registered attendance in the neighborhood of 7000 was the greatest ever recorded for this event. The convention is analyzed and reported in the November issue of the MONTHLY . . .

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In a statesmanlike manner President Boothby viewed the industry's problems and future in his inspiring address . . . Speakers at the employes relations forum recognized the critical era at hand and ahead and offered firm foundation stones upon which to build a strong future of unity between labor and management . . . Pointing to the accepted importance of gas, Secretary of the Interior Krug went so far as to say that our industry can and must maintain its present industrial leadership in America and the world with continued cooperation of government, labor and business . . . Spot pictures of the greatest exhibit to date accompany the story covering G.A.M.A.'s exhibition, which help to give an idea of the extent and nature of the impressive displays.

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"WE" Of late, I have come to believe that the greatest, wisest, and perhaps least used pronoun in our language is "we." Most Americans today seem to have forgotten the full significance of this pronoun. In this simple, little word "we" is contained the wisdom of the ages. There is no problem, great or small, national or international, that cannot be amicably solved by a greater application of "we" and by a full understanding that "we" means all of us bound together in a common purpose for our mutual benefit.

Unfortunately, our people are falling into the habit of thinking in terms of the pronoun "they." This growing use of the pronoun "they" is the signpost marking the road to disunion. It is "they" who lock out the workers; it is "they" who stand opposed to us; it is "they" who thwart our ambitions. But it is always "we" who pay the penalty when anyone starts to fling around the pronoun "they."
—From an address by Alfred Schindler, Under Secretary of Commerce.

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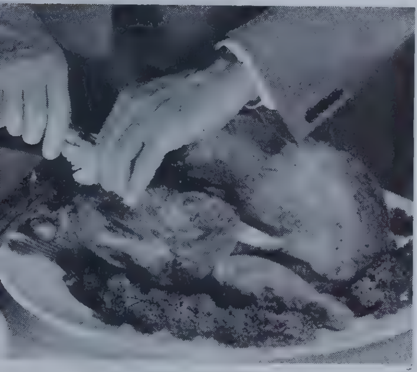
A Merry Christmas To All! The Library staff, as always, will be on hand to serve you through the holidays.

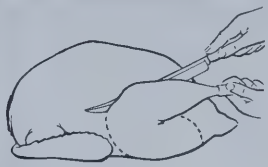
The Women's Slant

How to Carve a Turkey

CARVING skill comes only with long practice. But a sharp knife and simple directions pictured here will help the inexperienced carver to disjoint and slice roast turkey properly. The job will be easier if the person stands up, and carves the bird from the opposite side. A right handed person should place the legs to the right; left handed to the left. There are several methods of carving; the more traditional is described below.

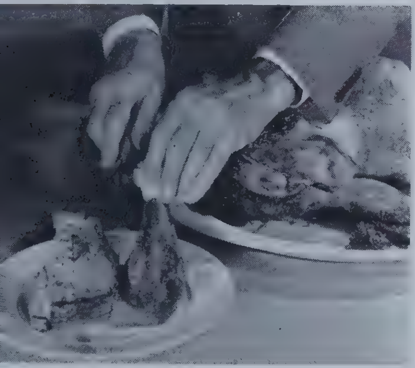
Step One

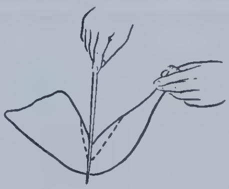




To remove leg, hold drumstick firmly with thumb and forefinger. Cut through skin by drawing knife back and forth, and sever joint. Press leg away from body with flat side of knife. Place leg on service platter.

Step Two

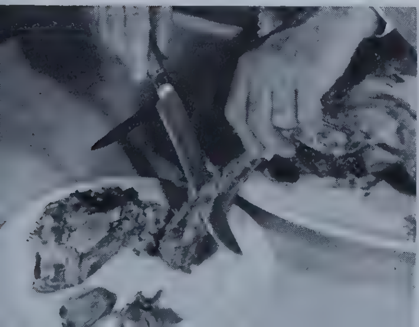


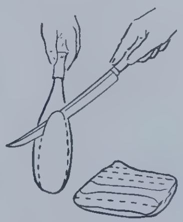


Disjoint drumstick and thigh by holding leg at right angles to plate and cutting through meat to the bone. Then, holding thigh with knife, press drumstick down with other hand until joint snaps.

Step Three

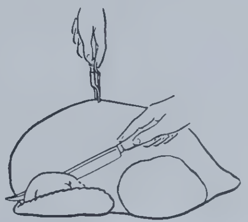
To slice leg meat, hold drumstick at right angles to plate and cut down, turning leg to get uniform slices. To slice thigh meat, straddle the bone with fork and cut meat in lengthwise strips.

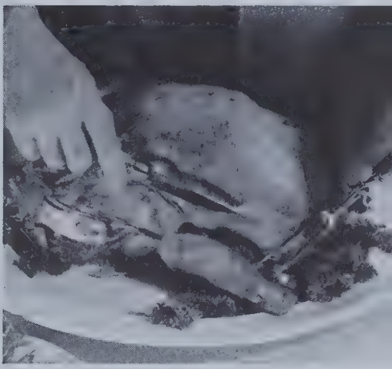




Step Four

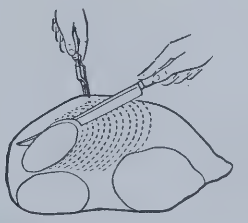
Remove wing by placing knife at right angles to breast about 1½ inches above wing and cutting straight down through skin and wing joint.

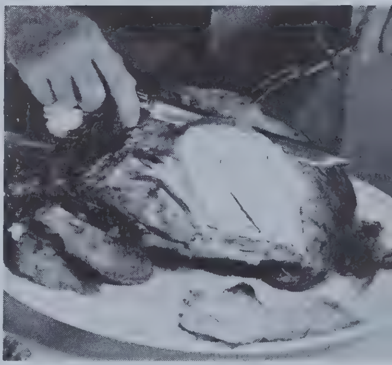




Step Five

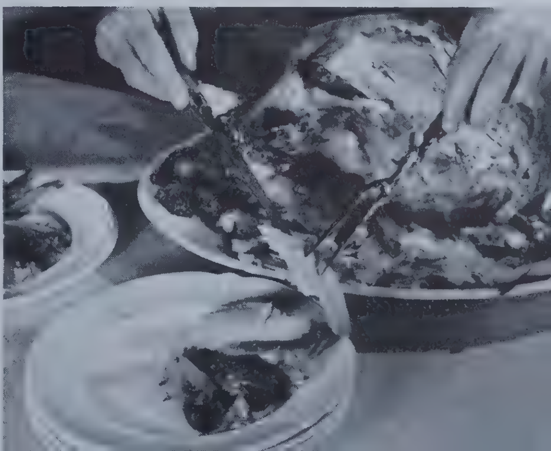
To slice breast meat, straddle keel bone with fork or insert fork in rib section on side opposite that being carved. Hold knife parallel to breast and cut, starting first slice just above place wing was removed.





Step Six

To prepare individual servings, lay one or two slices each of dark and light meat atop a spoon full of hot dressing.



The maintenance and alterations of the Peoples Gas Building offices are done by a crew of experienced workers in their own field. Walter Friel, William Garrett, and George Ayer on a scaffold clean the walls of one of the Company's departments, a job which keeps the painters busy a good part of the time.

Electrician Edward Murray is shown hanging a fixture, one of the many jobs connected with electrical maintenance he performs.

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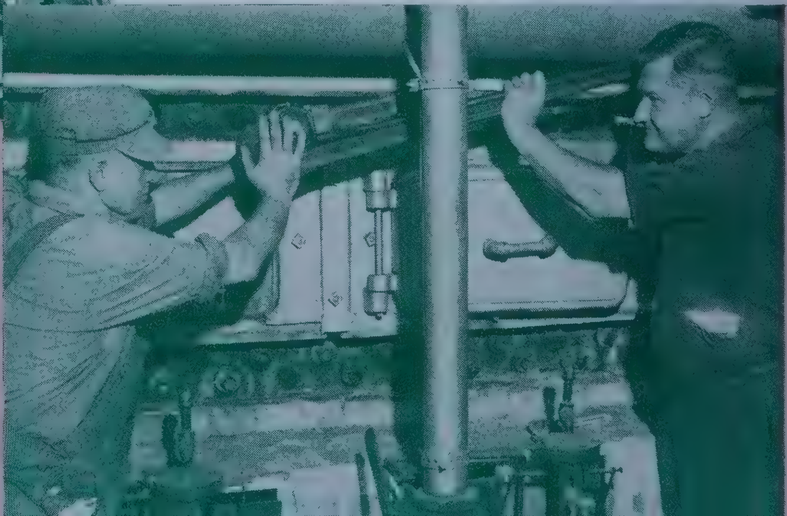
With their own bag of trick

equipment of all kinds thro

Another of the remodeling jobs requires the aid of carpenters who tear out and build new walls. Pat Monahan, carpenter-laborer, is shown in the act of knocking out part of a wall in an office.

Robert Snedden does work on the maintenance and repair of elevator equipment. In addition to the penthouse equipment, he checks and repairs other equipment on the 13th and 14th floors.

Company plumbers also do their share of work and have to squeeze into narrow spaces in some instances to get work done properly. A contractor's man uses a torch in "close quarters" to complete his work in one of the washrooms.



The engineers in the power plant maintain the four gas boilers in the boiler room so that those in the Building will have comfort in their working environment. John Walker and Tony Regis are engaged in some repair work on a tube of one of the boilers.

In his workshop on the 10th floor, Arden Skinner, Office Service, who can (and does) fix almost anything in the line of office machines, is shown repairing a Bates numbering machine.

This picture shows Mr. Skinner's hands working on another kind of office machine for his fellow employes, a comptometer.

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ey maintain and fix—
out the Gas Building

THE average spectator who looks at a large office building little realizes that equipment of every description, and skilled tradesmen of many trades are busily engaged every work day keeping things running without a hitch.

Electricians, carpenters, plumbers, painters, marble cleaners, a wood finisher, steam fitters, and special repair and maintenance men are full-time employes.

Such intricate devices as automatic business machines, elevators, boilers, compressors, water filters, heating and ventilating equipment, electric motors, pumps, pneumatic tubes, and electric switchboards often require special attention by men who have the knowledge and experience to maintain them.

On these pages we show a few of those who spend their time doing specialized tasks, all of which combine to make our main office one of the best.

The two pictures at the side are before and after shots of Walter Wiech's work. He is the refinisher who takes battered and scratched furniture and turns it into "show case window" equipment.

One of our workers is shown putting a new spring in an office chair.

Underwood • Standard •

Another shot of Arden Skinner shows him overhauling a typewriter. Here the machine is dismantled, but when he finishes with it, with "no parts left over," it will operate like new.

They Keep Our Personnel Records

Marcella Coleman prepares a personnel record form on a new employee in the picture below.

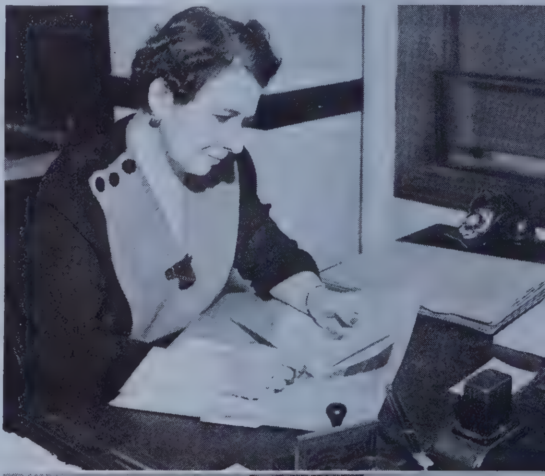
Verena McCarville is shown answering one of the many phone calls received by the Employe Records Section requesting information about employes.

Above, Lois O'Connor files a Kardex card containing an employe's work history in the file.

At lower right, Lorraine Jacobs checks and files employe "skills" cards into their proper niche.

Employe identification cards are checked by Louise Gallimore, shown at left.

Immediately below, an employe's records are being checked for completion and accuracy by Helen Nevins before they are placed in file.



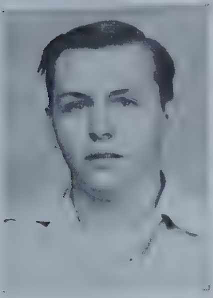
Letters of inquiry received from outside sources on former employes are being answered by Shirley Wright, lower left.

Ann MacLeisch is pictured as she prepares a special personnel data report in the photo below.

Back on the Job

After Serving with Uncle Sam

EVEN THOUGH *John Dalton* had never previously prepared to delve into the field of medicine, he had to adjust himself to it because he was placed in the Army medical corps.


John Dalton

John spent almost two years in the Army working in the surgery room where he prepared patients and assisted in operations. He enjoyed his work very much.

John had spent 14 months in the Philippines and Japan, including Hiroshima, where he was stationed soon after the Atom bomb was dropped. Soon afterward, he returned to the Company where he was promoted to the Customer Accounting Department. Among his souvenirs is a bronze star given to him for some important work well done.

AFTER BEING militarized by the Army for over two and one half years, *Marion Zanich* doesn't find it too difficult to relax. Moreover, the freedom he now enjoys really agrees with him.

Marion Zanich

Marion was attached to an airborne division of the medical corps before he was released as a technician fifth grade.

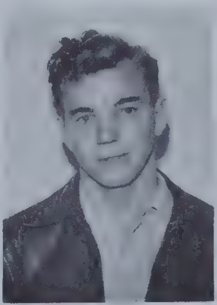
While spending over two years in England, France, Holland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Africa, and the middle east, he was awarded the Belgian Fourraguere as well as the usual ribbons. He is once again employed in the street department of North District.

AFTER A military leave of 33 months, two years of which were spent overseas, *Paul Hunt* came back to the Company where he was re-assigned to Central District's street department.

Paul Hunt

Paul's duties as a ship fitter first class were connected with providing supplies for his ship during the time it traveled to Pearl Harbor, the Marshall Islands, and the Philippine Islands.

BEFORE *William Lawrence* took a military leave from the Company, he worked in the Gas Dispatching Department. Upon his return he was assigned to Central District.


William Lawrence

Bill spent approximately three years in the Navy and was released as a signal man third class. His duties included signaling with lights and flags and sewing signal flags.

Almost two and one half years of that three years in service Bill spent overseas traveling in the South Pacific where his ship docked at the Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, Admiralty Islands, Guam, Saipan, and the Hawaiian Islands.

OF THE THREE and one half years *John Antolovic* spent in the service of his country, two and one half years were spent overseas. John was shipped to India, Burma, Assam, and then was sent to Canada before he was released from the Army as a corporal. Upon his discharge he returned to Central District.

John Antolovic

John was a member of an engineers corps building the Ledo Road and says he never failed to be surprised and alarmed when he crawled into his bunk at night and found a snake or toad had beat him to bed.

WHEN *Joseph Hogan* returned to the Company he was assigned to the position of shop serviceman at Central District. Joe was on military leave for 33 months and during that time he was stationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico, for two months.

Joseph Hogan

Joe attended gunnery school after his Army basic training, and was a machine gun as well as small arms specialist when he completed the course. He was known as an aircraft armorer sergeant who armored and maintained machine guns in the air.

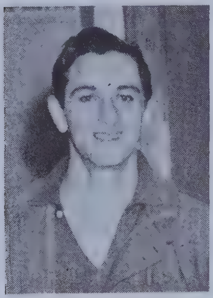
Robert Kellogg has finally broken a habit of almost five years standing. That of no longer "snapping to" when he sees an Army officer stroll down the street.

Robert Kellogg

Bob was released from the field artillery as a staff sergeant in charge of a four 105 millimeter Howitzer Section.

He has returned to Central District with 28 months of overseas duty, during which time he was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, New Guinea, Morotai, Philippine Islands, and Saipan.

After *Anthony Varallo* spent two of the three years of the time he was in the Navy overseas, he was more than willing to accept an honorable discharge to return to civilian life.


Anthony Varallo

As a torpedo man second class, he maintained and cared for torpedoes, tubes, depth charge tracks, and fire directors so that they were always in "ready" condition.

During his overseas sojourn, he touched upon Cuba, Trinidad, San Juan, Australia, New Zealand, Admiralty Islands, New Guinea, Philippine Islands, Halmahara, Java, Sumatra, Borneo, and Okinawa.

Tony says his most memorable experience concerns a battle in the Surigao Straits. His boat was chased by a Jap. After they had sunk another of the Jap ships they were in a running battle between a PT and a Jap vessel. One of the PT's sacrificed herself to save them and after picking up its survivors, they watched the rest of the "show" from "box seats."

After a Navy life of 45 months, *Steve Borowski,* was glad to return to Crawford Station working in the Generator House.

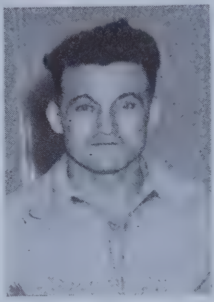
Steve Borowski

At the time of Steve's return, he was an electrician's mate first class, checking and repairing electrical equipment.

During the 20 months Steve traveled outside the States his ship "put in" at the Aleutians, Gilberts, Marshalls, Philippines, Samoa, Elice, Morotai, and the Admiralty Islands.

Steve's most hair-raising experience occurred during the invasion of Tarawa, a 72-hour stretch of brutal fighting before they secured the island. His ship, with the convoy out of sight and loaded with high octane gasoline, made a successful beaching. Personnel reported to their battle stations, and with the support of the ground crew and their searchlights, they spotted three Jap planes. The ship was high and dry on the beach where they awaited almost certain destruction. However, "lady luck" stepped in and they were able to throw up enough ammunition to keep the enemy planes at such high altitudes that their bombs were ineffective.

When *James Nestor* returned to the Company after spending three and a half years in the Army infantry, he was reassigned to North District.


James Nestor

Jim was released from service as a machine gun section leader staff sergeant who controlled the maintenance and firing of two machine guns in the field during the two years he was stationed in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands.

Jim claims his most exciting experience happened one evening when the Japs who had been engaged in night infiltration for several weeks, actually got inside their 50 man perimeter before the first grenade was thrown or a shot fired. His men in the outer ring had to turn in their foxholes and fire into their own perimeter. Of course, this resulted in some casualties but in the morning, five dead Japs were in the enclosure. He said he was too scared to be frightened and too frightened to be scared.

After being attached to the Navy for four years, *Cliff Older* was released as a lieutenant commander. He has since returned to his position in the Engineering Department.

Cliff Older

Cliff took a course in Diesel Engineering and additional training in amphibious work before he started his three and one half years of traveling to the Fiji, Samoa, Society Islands, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, Hawaiian Islands, Eniwetok, Ulithi, Manus Island, the Philippines, Japan, and China.

In the course of those four years, Cliff commanded a landing craft infantry barge, had command of the naval base in New Georgia, commanded an LST and an "A.P." (troop transport).

He got his biggest kick out of carrying Chinese troops, many from 9 to 11, up and down the coast. Many of them had walked 500 miles to reach the ship and his job of feeding and bedding 2000 individuals was a "headache" but none the less interesting.

As a technician fifth grade, *Anthony Calabrese* spent 27 months in the Army, and after his discharge returned to the Credit and Collection Department.

Anthony Calabrese

Acting as a technician for a battalion switchboard, Tony spent 20 months in Venice, Rome, Naples, Florence, Pisa, Nice, Switzerland, and Africa.

He says he very much enjoyed a seven day leave he spent in Switzerland. He says the country is beautiful.

After *Frederick Duke* was honorably discharged from the Navy, he was transferred to the office at Crawford Station. He had formerly worked in the Refining plant at that Station.

Frederick Duke

At the close of his three year military leave of absence, he was a storekeeper second class and had spent 14 months in Pearl Harbor, Saipan, and Guam, where he had had charge of the ship's storeroom.

Although *Nick Patete* served in the Navy for two years, approximately half of that time was spent in the capacity of a gas man servicing gas appliances, the same kind of work he did for the company. In addition he was a member of a Naval air base fire department located in Memphis, Tennessee.

Nick Patete

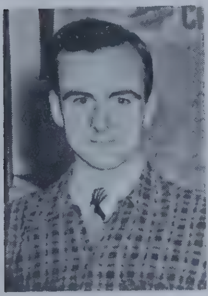
After Nick was honorably discharged from the Navy as a seaman first class, the Company reassigned him to Central District.

When *James Moran* returned to work at North District after spending two and a half years in the Army, he had some interesting stories to relate about his service with the Army military police.

James Moran

He entered the Army as a private and was released a private first class after traveling extensively in this country. He says he saw many interesting places but he remembers most vividly the traveling he did on the west coast of the U.S.A.

Aside from the fact that *William O'Ryan* was in the Navy for almost four years, he relates that during that time the best part of his Navy experience was attending school in Chicago for a year.


William O'Ryan

Upon his release from service as an aviation machinists mate, first class, he was promoted to the Stores Section at Crawford Station. His work in the Navy had to do with the maintenance of carrier aircraft on which he specialized in carburetion work.

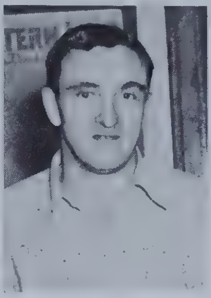
Nicholas Connors was on military leave for over two years before he was released to resume his status as a civilian.

Nicholas Connors

Nick's work, as a Navy petty officer first class, had to do with investigating and transporting prisoners from place to place.

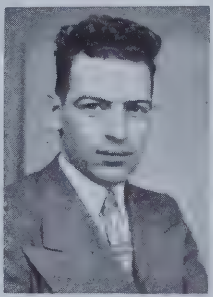
When Nick and one of his partners were ordered to transport a belligerent prisoner to San Pedro, California, they were amused to find that the prisoner who had boasted he would not reach his destination, turned out to be as meek as a lamb. Since he was unaccustomed to flying, the trip at 10,000 feet set the fellow's teeth to chattering. What they had assumed was going to be a difficult assignment, turned into a routine job.

Irvin Polanek, who works in the laboratory at Crawford Station, has recently completed a one and a half year stint with the Navy. Upon his release from service, his rating was that of a fireman first class and his duties were those of an electrician's mate.


Irvin Polanek

Irvin spent nine months overseas where he traveled to Eniwetok, Tinian, Saipan, Guam, Truk, Ulithi, and Pearl Harbor. He says his most exciting experience was the first time he was on bombardment duty near the Jimas. The experience was one he will long remember.

At the end of *Robert Harper's* three year military leave attached to the Navy, Bob resumed his duties once more in the Research and Testing Department.


Robert Harper

Bob, as an ensign, was an engineering officer aboard a destroyer escort and spent ten months in the Asiatic theatre of operations.

He states he enjoyed a month "round the world" cruise he made, with no expense to himself, back to the States stopping at Shanghai, Hong Kong, Ceylon, Aden, Port Said, Alexandria, Naples, Marseilles and Madeira.

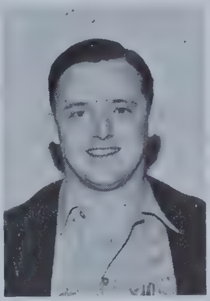
When *John Miceli* was released from the Army after spending 31 months in the service, he returned to the Company where he was assigned to North District. John had formerly been a member of the Meter Reading Department.

John Miceli

Although John worked in a training division here in the States he did not get overseas. He found his duties which were connected with training troops for overseas duty very interesting. He was also in charge of all firing ranges at his camp.

Even though he was attached to the Army, he was assigned to the job of testing out a new Navy bomb. That assignment, he says, was one of the most interesting jobs he performed during his entire service in the Army.

When *John Williams* was attached to the Navy he had charge of the construction and maintenance of 300,000 cubic feet of refrigeration for a naval supply depot.


John Williams

During 20 of the 30 months he spent in service, he was stationed in New Guinea and Philippine Islands.

While on detached duty with a naval supply ship, he had, he says, his most frightening experience. Anchored in Oro Bay, New Guinea, the men enjoyed themselves by swimming from the ship. One time when he dove into the water he noticed two pilot fish swim out from under the ship. Their actions indicated that a shark was close by and he was. John broke water, gave an alarm to his buddies, and then he says he "set a new world's record" getting back to the ship. The shark, looking like a submarine, slid under them, and the skipper told them that it was one of the largest Tiger sharks he had ever seen. John says, too, he hopes he has had his last encounter with any kind of shark. Playing "hide and seek" with a shark is not his idea of fun.

After spending 39 months in an Army amphibious tank battalion in the States and overseas, *Charles Librizzi, Jr.*, really believes in that saying that "home is where the heart is." Charles has returned to Crawford Station where he was assigned to a better position than the one at which he worked before he left.

Charles Librizzi, Jr.

When Charles, as a private first class, was overseas for 19 months, he was a light machine gunner and radio tender. During this time his unit was stationed in Hawaii, Eniwetok, Manus, Leyte, and Okinawa.

Charles says his biggest thrill was seeing his baby son for the first time on the day he returned.

Departmental News Notes

Purchasing

BY HELEN LAMEIKA

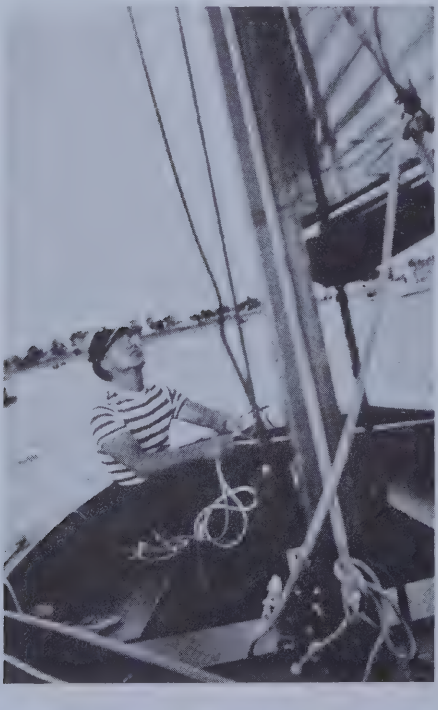
We can't insist that you read this column but we do wish to extend our greetings for the Christmas season and coming New Year. . . . Not only will the tree be trimmed this year but so will the bird that Charles Le Forge shot while out on his hunting trip in Marion, Illinois, this November. Out of the several dozen quail bagged, this one will be the lucky one and will reach the table with pride. . . . Another trimmed figure will be Jim Bouchier who has been losing weight gradually. This season Jim won't qualify for the position of Santa Claus unless the request is for a streamlined Santa.

Auditing

BY ESTHER STREBEL

The accompanying picture will indicate what Bill Andersen is probably doing somewhere off the Florida coast just about now. Bill stated he would definitely try to get in some deep sea fishing too. Wonder what he'll have to say about the ones that got away. Another vacation smartie was Ruth Hutschenreuter, just back from a visit to Arizona where it was nice and warm. Incidentally, thanks, Ruth, for the candy sent us from Arizona. Tasted good enough to be homemade? . . . Room 407 laid out its "welcome back" mat to Margaret Rodwick after a bout with pneumonia. . . .Speaking of "Welcome" mats, Gabe Andries can finally lay out his in his new Park Ridge house. Gabe is busy catching on to all the woes (heating, water systems, etc.) attendant to a man of property.

William Andersen



Customers

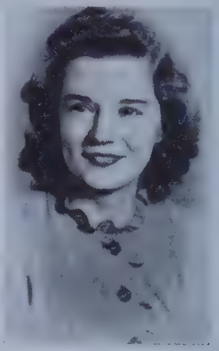
BY PAUL M. STROM

Our ushers on the main floor, Joe McGinnis, Bill Winter, and Dave Hughes sure look nobby in their new uniforms. . . . Barney Conlon enjoyed his vacation in Philadelphia. That rumor about his bringing back a bride was unfounded. He says he is still single. . . . Early one crispy fall Saturday morning, Ray Wadman rolled out of his warm bed and started on a journey from his hometown, Homewood, Illinois, to the far north side of Chicago. His mission—a new kitchen cabinet sink, the deal having been made by Ed Broderick. Lo and behold, after many hours of travel by train, street car and bus, Ray finally arrived at the place where the sink was located, but to his surprise it wasn't the same one that had been described to him over the telephone a few days earlier. Was Ray burned up? Ask Ed who still stays out of Ray's way. . . . Owen Fee is on a diet again. He calls this one the 10 day miracle diet. Hopes to lose four or five pounds. For free advise on keeping young and healthy see Owen Fee. . . . Was Frank McDonald embarrassed the other evening as he was walking out of the building. He discovered that he was wearing someone else's top coat. That's one way of getting a new coat, Frank. . . . William Schueler, a former member of our family, stopped in to see us before leaving for Douglas, Arizona, where he is going to enjoy living during the cold winter months. We all envy you, Bill.

Customers Order

BY ROBERT POTTHOFF

We welcome to our Department three new girls, Helen Shell, Anna Stroz, and Luella Zopke who are learning their new duties in the completed file. Mary Reider is the latest addition in the telephone exchange. . . . Well, the men are all back from the fitter's school where August Goldschmidt, Ralph Zahringer, Walter Wallace, Frank Izzo, Gerald O'Connor, Fred Swinson, James Carr, and Frank Vita learned the primary things about gas appliances first hand from our own able Carl Haase, their professor. . . . Etta O'Malley, after a serious foot operation, is home again and will be walking as good as new soon. . . . Jack Naylor spent a week down along the Mississippi River hunting pheasants and ducks. Although those birds are scarce, Jack got his share, proving him a superior marksman. . . . Earl Smith and Jesse Dowen went all the way to South Dakota for some pheasant shooting. I'm told both got the limit every day. . . . Maurice Edgeworth gave a good rendition of songs at the Congress Hotel where he sang "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." He was applauded with much enthusiasm by the 500 people who had gathered there for the Vanderbilt Travel Aid Dinner. . . . June Beatty, our demure young meter record girl, is cutting four wisdom teeth. . . . Frank Agnew and Ray Brundage recently returned from their "extra days" vacation. Ray spent a few days in the woods of Michigan, but could find no deer which he motored far to bag. Frank, I understand, caught up on a few jobs he had been putting off at home. . . . Six teletype girls, among them Peggy McDonald and Margaret Frumveller, will alternate for Saturday work on the machines. . . . Gene LaFond and Walter Ayres are completing extensive dental work. Merle Johnson and your scribe who just recently went through your exact trouble wish you luck. . . . Lorraine Webb Powers who was married three months ago, left us on November 8 . . . Pictured above in this column is charming Mary Latham, one of our well known meter record girls. Nope, the picture does not flatter her.



Mary Latham

North District

BY JOHN LAWRISUK

North Shop was well represented at the Gas Club's Fall Party. That was our Gus Scheck upholding North Shop honor by giving the M. C. plenty of stiff competition when he was called up on the stage to assist in the card trick. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for a very enjoyable evening. . . . Welcome to Frank Walsh who now is dispatching the service request orders from the Shop. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Moroney are back in town after their honeymoon down in Florida and Cuba. . . . All cows and scarecrows BEWARE; Frank Wurster, one of those late vacationers, is sharpening up his shootin' eye. Good hunting, Frank. . . . Joe Newett tied the knot on October 26. Congratulations to you and the Missus, Joe. . . . Homer Dattelzweig, Roy Danielson, and Matt Oeftering are all back after recovering from their various illnesses. But we are sorry to report that John Dunn, Charlie Simon, Joe Maude, and Jimmy Cummings are still ailing. . . . At this time may we wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Customer Accounting

BY JOHN LIS

BOOKKEEPING

Thomas A. Patton selected the great open spaces of Texas for his vacation after his successful campaign for State Representative of the 23rd Senatorial District. To Tom we wish the best of success. . . . All the ingenuity of an election campaign has been transferred now to our Chief Scribe, Jess Olson, a nominee for President of the Gas Club. To you Jess, a great job done as entertainment chairman and a wish for greater achievements as head man. . . . While Ole Helgeson was planning his extra week's vacation, he received word that his son was coming home from the service. Needless to say, the Helgeson family enjoyed a happy reunion and a pleasant vacation. . . . Bobby Burke, son of William Burke, is having more than his share of troubles for one little fellow. After recuperating from a recent appendicitis operation, he fell and injured the bone in his left arm. We sincerely hope that Bobby's troubles are over for a long time to come. . . . George Kusch tried a little Humpty Dumpty act recently, when he slipped on the roof of his home while putting up the storm windows. We are glad that George didn't incur any injuries and that his neighbor was able to repair the broken window frame. Better stick to bowling George. . . . Lucky Stanley Orzech is a bond winner again, for the 4th time! . . . After searching for years, Ed Iwicki has finally found an apartment. To celebrate the great event, the third Division gave Ed a housewarming shower, including everything from a box of screws to a set of bowl covers. . . . Pat Hayes is heaving a sigh of relief now that the football season is over and his son, Ed, who plays right end for St. Patrick's is still in good condition. . . . Mr. Stork made a perfect landing at the home of the Bob Bidinger's October 29, and left them a beautiful little 8 pound 5 ounce baby girl, now known as Mary Gail. . . . It was a pleasure to see two of our former co-workers, Dan Curtin and William Ahern, who visited with us recently. . . . We wish to offer a big hello to Patty Lou Lazenby of the third Group, Margaret Barry and Rose Izsol of the fourth Group. They are the most recent additions to the Books. . . . There is a great deal to be said for autumn vacations according to Therese Hurley, Mary Houlihan, and Rosemary Tesaro, who spent a delightful week at Turkey Run, and Ethelreda Carey, recently returned from Wisconsin is quick to agree. . . . "Air-minded" is the word for Dorothy Taylor and Bill Kaspar. After an extensive vacation earlier this season entirely by air, Dorothy took off for a week-end in Detroit—by air! Bill hied himself to Canada, with just a breather in the great automotive center and was back at his desk on Monday morning. Wheeeeee! . . . We extend our deepest sympathy to Esther Horak in the loss of her father and to Tom Patton in the loss of his sister.

Therese Hurley, Mary Houlahan, and Rosemary Tzaro, are seldom on the fence as they are shown here.

KEY PUNCH

We now have two ex-waves in the Key Punch Section. Betty Jane Baker held the rate of Seaman First Class and was in service a year and a half. She divided her time between Brooklyn and Manhattan. Jeanne Eskridge was a Yeoman Third Class, in service two and a half years and was stationed at Washington, D.C. . . . We would like to also welcome Florence Peters, Frances Catalano, and Mary Dunlea to our group. . . . Betty Lou Kelly is spending her vacation at Lake Lawn, Detroit and Flint, Michigan.

Catherine Heaney

TABULATING

Ben Rabe's son is to be married on December 7. . . . Dorothy Mazurek received her Christmas present early, a beautiful white-gold engagement ring. . . . Proof that Catherine Heaney was on a trip is indicated by the picture taken while enroute on the "City of San Francisco". . . . Mrs. Carol Parker Meany and Mrs. Mary Lou McGowan Reinke visited us about a week apart and brought their little daughters with them. . . . Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mabelle Bruzek upon the death of her Uncle and to Helen O'Leary upon the death of her grandmother.

Chicago District Pipeline

BY WAYNE POTTER

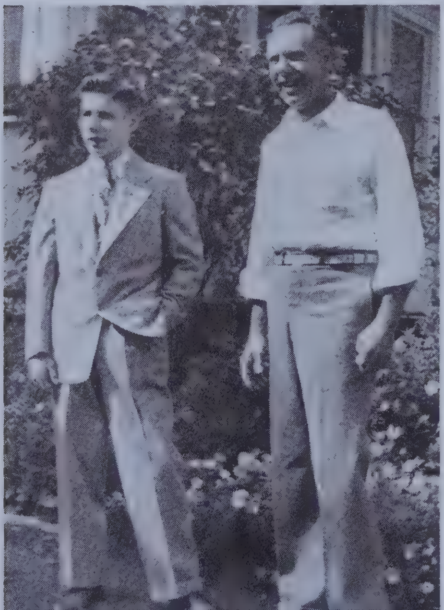
Back again after a short vacation, with congratulations to Tom Allen for again winning the golf tournament. One more time and Tom will be the owner of the cup permanently. . . . The safety party was a success again this year. All reports have it that everybody had a swell time. In the preparty ball game, a strong Meter Station team whipped the Field Office nine 15 to 3. Willie Scholtes, a newcomer to the Company this year, twirled for the winners. . . . A big welcome for Howie Wright, who is back at the Field Office after scattering a lot of shoe leather over the globe via Uncle Sams' navy. Howie was the second to leave our company for service and was the last to return.

From Here 'n There
BY GEORGE KAZUNAS

CONGRATULATIONS: To our own Dan Collins on his assignment to Domestic Sales after dispatching of service work was returned to the District Shops. Also, to Mrs. Richard (Pearl Lindemann) Kent, of Operating, who spent a most pleasant honeymoon in Louisiana and Mississippi. JUST IN CASE: Frank Walsh is back at North District, Joe Mittelman at Central, and Bill Cary at South, while Roland Franzen and Larry O'Connor are now working out of Distribution Department. Your scribe is temporarily pinch-hitting for Tom Walsh, Chicago District Pipeline, who is successfully recuperating after his gall bladder was removed. Tom is home now.

Crawford
BY JIM HEGARTY

ADD TO OUR LIST of new daddies: Fred Stalnaker, ovens, who announces the arrival at his home of a bouncing baby boy. "Driftpin" Kucera, shop, relates that a baby daughter was delivered to Mrs. Kucera on October 18 and will be christened Loreen. The boys do not lack for advice on the proper rearing of babies. . . . Tom Dillon, ovens, after just fighting a war, has taken unto himself a beautiful bride. We all join in extending congratulations and best wishes for married bliss and happiness. . . . The handsome gentlemen pictured are John Zofkie, our genial storekeeper, and his son Jack. Jack is a freshman at St. Leo High School and a member of the school band. . . . Red Tuohy was presented with a gift at the machine shop on November 7 when the boys gathered to say good bye upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of faithful service. Red had the reputation of being a real artist at swinging a crane bucket and was recognized as the peer of all our cranemen. . . . Bill Meyer's daughter, Carol Jean, is recovering from injuries sustained when recently struck by an automobile. Latest reports are very favorable and we know Bill's friends downtown, sweating it out along with his new associates here at Crawford, are much relieved at this news. . . . Home are the hunters—George Gabor, Mitch Litten, and Homer Wormley, went on their annual pheasant hunt into Grundy and Livingston Counties.


Jack and "Dad" John Zofkie

Credit and Collection
BY ELEANOR McPARTLIN

PICTURED HERE is Russ Mitchell's charming daughter Rosemary, who at the age of thirteen months is an ideal pin-up girl. . . . Gil Button has returned after assisting in the Drafting Section of the Engineering Department. Welcome back! . . . We were sorry to hear about the automobile accident of Bill Meyer's daughter, Carol Jean, and we are all hoping for her speedy recovery. . . . We extend our deepest sympathy to Walter Ohmacht whose father died recently. . . . Everybody had a peach of a time at the Annual Fall Party at the Morrison Hotel, especially Jack Golden, who is looking forward to our next. . . . Congratulations to Ferris Hurst, Fred Swanson, and Axel Newman on completion of their 35th year with the Company. Tom McCarthy not to be outdone came up with his 36th year of service on November 18. . . . We're still wondering how William "Tell" McMahon got eight rabbits with seven shots. We'd like to know what happened to the dog, Bill!

Rosemary Mitchell

Photographic
BY H. S. YOUNG

BRUNO MAREK herewith expresses how we wish we were equipped at times to handle the frequent rushes of photostating, turning out black and white line prints, getting pictures for the News, and finishing up the color movie on the new pipeline. . . . Fred Kann dropped in to see us recently. He's night schooling in Engineering at North Park College and working days as a counselor for the Disabled Veterans Association. . . . Harry Young finally wound up his 1946 golf season last month. Statistics reveal that he traversed forty-nine rounds of 18 holes—or about 150 miles of hooks, slices, and three putts! . . . Bud Mulcrone and Bill Beuke have been "testing" varied toys that they've been buying for their nephews. If the gadgets survive the experimental operations, they will then be turned over to St. Nick for Christmas distribution. . . . Knitter's Neverstrikes, those erratic bowlers of questionable skill and ability, will be available after New Year's Day for any challenging contestants. . . . Ye Olde Photo Gang extends its very best and utmost wishes to you all for a Happy Holiday. As for the coming year—we'll be snapping you!

No, don't see a psychologist. This is just Bruno Marek and a "photo" pal expressing their desire for extra hands and feet.

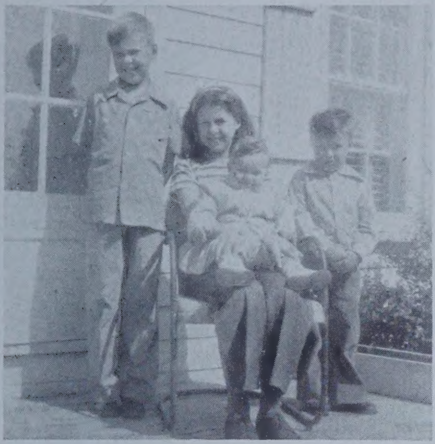
Engineering
BY T. B. PETTY

PAUL HENEHAN, John Schuldt, and John Damm are back in the office momentarily "between Pipeline loops." This year's portion is done and they are preparing to survey the part to be done next year. . . . Paul took advantage of the lull to grab part of his vacation. He and the "Missus" took an airplane trip to South Dakota, ostensibly to hunt pheasant. Since we've heard nothing about any birds being bagged, we gather they went just for the ride, and from all reports that was a great success. Says Paul, "No more trains or autos for me—give me that 'Wild Blue Yonder' Jim Dawson keeps singing about." . . . In case you were wondering, the black eye patch Bill Bruson was sporting a few weeks back was the McCoy, and not an imitation of "Long John Silver." As he was climbing out of the water tank at the Warehouse, a piece of rust blew in his eye. "A legitimate wound received in line of duty." . . . Dave Lauzon drops in now and again to catch up on the gossip. He's looking slimmer and trimmer all the time, but the Doc still says, "No Work." . . . Vic Bittner journeyed to his Alma Mater, Wisconsin, for homecoming and had a big time greeting old friends.

Peoples Gas Building

BY MARGE BROWN

PICTURED HERE are Christ Glockler's four children: Robert, Betty, Christie, and Jo-Ann, which, by the way, is a mighty fine looking family.... Congratulations to Tom Nevin who recently became a grandfather. That's the second time, isn't it, Gramp? .... George Sinda, who looks as though he's been on a vacation for at least a year, made a recent visit to the Gas House. He looked so healthy, everyone felt ill. . . . For the information of all concerned, your scribe is not even a wee bit Irish.... We welcome to the department this month Emma Norris and Mary Gustis, both night janitresses.



The Gockler family: Robert, Betty, Christie, and Jo-Ann.

Meter Reading

BY ANNA MAE KARLAK

THE ENTIRE METER READING Department unites in wishing James Waddick a great deal of success in his recent promotion to assistant vice president. Many, many best wishes.... Mr. Dowen is also to be congratulated since congratulations are in order for the prize pheasants he bagged while on his recent vacation. It's all in the "know how" I guess. . . . "Mr. Stork," paid another visit to several of our Meter Reading families this month. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunlevy announced the arrival of a new son, Phillip, on November 14; the Irven Mayers were presented with a baby girl, Pricella, on November 1; as were the Edward Robinsons when their little girl arrived on November 3. Congratulations to all.... Jeanette Libby has once again won the praise of the Meter Reading Department for the many prize winning suggestions she has contributed in the past months. Keep up the good work, Jenny. All of us know you are always "in there pitching."

Meter Shop

BY G. D. BURNS

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes to the family of George Peake, who died suddenly on November 17. George was Tool keeper in the Tool and Appliance Division of the Meter Shop and had more than twenty years of service with the Company.... Jim Bogie took the best fisherman's honors from Bill Menet a few weeks ago when on a vacation in Florida he caught an eighty pound sailfish. Jim promised us a picture of the fish to prove his catch. When we receive it, it will be printed in this column.

Employe Relations

BY MARIAN BRYANT

PEARL LINDEMANN is pictured here on the day she became Mrs. Richard Kent. Pearl formerly worked in the Employment Section but now is with the Operating Division. . . . William George Elsberg arrived October 25. Bill's coworkers gave the proud papa a pink and blue quilted satin comforter to keep the little fellow warm in fine style. . . . Messrs. Beaumont, Foley, Flatner and North attended the 1946 National Suggestion Conference of the National Association of Suggestion Systems the middle of November at the Drake Hotel. . . . Our department was well-represented at the Notre Dame-Northwestern game by Yvonne Hewitt, Lenore Carroll, and Marilyn Waller. . . . Bernice Gleason is convalescing after a stay in Illinois Central Hospital. . . . Early this month, Harry Crystal spent a week basking in the warm climate down in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He returned looking like he had really enjoyed himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kent

Methods and Routines

BY E. W. REGAN

RALPH McCOLLUM is back on the job after a honeymoon trip to Honduras. Ralph and his new Mrs. went from New Orleans on one of those ships which carry lots of bananas and coffee, and a few fortunate passengers. Sounds wonderful!

Archives

BY ROBERT C. FITZSIMMONS

OUR HOLIDAY CLEANING was done long in advance of the Yuletide, but we have had a beautiful job of snow white enameling, based with a Christmas green in our North room, giving us the right again to our claim of most up-to-date Department.... Trying to gather news from our Collection Department detachment results only in a pose of extreme shyness on the part of the person mentioned for the subject of news. On the other hand the offerings to spotlight others were so flowery that our editor would have grey hairs answering complaints. They are a fine bunch and have a better working-together attitude than you will find in a day's travels. . . . Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Domestic Sales

BY RITA NORRIS

SANTA CLAUS ARRIVED early at the Hoffman household this year and presented them with a baby boy, who will answer to the name of Phillip.... That "ain't" all. The Ingeman family is also boasting a brand new addition. This time it's a little girl, namely Mary Elizabeth Ingeman.... Her trip to Michigan for the Michigan-Illinois football game certainly left Frances Carr in the clouds. We're betting there was more to the weekend visit than the gridiron exhibition.... Here is the long awaited wedding picture of Mr. and Mrs. "Bill" Savage. A mighty handsome-looking couple I'd say.

Mr. and Mrs. William Savage

General Accounting
BY MARTY WALSH

Easy telling that chilly weather is here again. We overhear daily debates; "anemics" versus "red corpuscle crowd" concerning the amount of fresh air necessary for highest working efficiency. As to be expected, the "anemics" seem to be running a weak second. . . . The surprise party on John Gerski's fifty fifth birthday was a success to all participants with one exception. Art Hansen expected to buy storm windows for his new home from his winnings in the card game. The heat loss is going to be high in his new home unless someone arranges to give Art a second chance. We all had an enjoyable evening and John was pleased with his new fishing reel and scarf. . . . We assigned our "foreign correspondent," John Blaney, to the Woods case. He reported that Walter's discolored orb was a result of falling over the door and hitting his eye on the corner of the rug. . . . Bill Sweetman suffered a serious fall while putting storm windows on his home. He is out of the hospital and recovering from a cracked vertebra and a broken bone in his foot. . . . Lucile Noftsker is recovering from her operation and we hope to have her back with us soon. . . . We extend our sympathy to Joe Martin in the recent loss of his mother . . . The attire of "Len" Schultz's daughter isn't appropriate for this time of year, but we couldn't hold this cute picture till next June or July . . . . We welcome two new girls to the Department; "Pat" Gaffney in the Review and Jean Prindeville in the Key Punch and Computing Section . . . . Our Florence Lees has just returned from her vacation. She took to the air and flew to Detroit. By the way, the bowling league really has entered Florences veins. She returned from her trip just to bowl that top team. Her team won all three games and she bowled her high series.

Mary Lou Schultz

Statistical
BY ROSEMARY CLYNE

Elsa Maxwell can very aptly take some lessons from the Gas Club on the fine art of party giving. Joyce Bendle, John Dolan, Robert Drevs, Edward Griffiths, Edward Hatch, Betty Jane Kieser, Jack Linn, Elmer Michaels, John Mullen, Lucille Olson, and Edith Wiedling attended the Gas Party on October 26. All reported they had a "swell time." . . . Elsie Harmke found Florida the land of sunshine and enjoyment on her recent vacation jaunt there. . . . You'll find Lucille Olson answering to Mrs. Lester Wolters now. She middle-aisled it with Les on November 23. For you fashion minded—the bride wore an ice blue satin street dress, brown tulle hat, and brown accessories. Best wishes, both of you, for loads of happiness. . . . You'd never think seeing Ed Martin now, that a few short weeks ago, he was hospitalized with appendicitis. It's grand to have you back. We missed that friendly smile. . . . Sincere sympathy to Helen Farrell on the loss of her sister.

Research and Testing
BY GEORGE M. DOWSE

Bill Donovan is rapidly becoming known as the "Smiling Irishman," at the Lab. Yup, Bill finally has his new Ford. After waiting for more than one and one-half years, he received a notice a couple of weeks ago that his new car was ready and waiting for him to pick it up. There is no mistaking that broad smile that Bill has worn ever since. Sure and 'tis a grand and glorious feeling to drive a shiny new car down the street these days, eh, Bill. . . . Lawrence Fritts is a pretty smart fellow. He waited until the weather turned cold here before taking his vacation. Then he and his wife spent three weeks basking in the warm Florida sunshine. They made the round trip in their Studebaker and experienced no trouble whatsoever. And Lawrence came back with a nice coat of sun tan, too. . . . It is nice to see Ed Henzi looking hale and hearty again after being hospitalized for several weeks because of an operation. . . . Youth is certainly wonderful. Dick Fitzsimmons took his son to a high school football game at Comiskey Park. The weather was very bad and Dick spent the next four days in bed with a very bad cold. But his boy showed no ill effects, and had a fine time at the game. When you mention it to him, Dick shakes his head sadly and moans, "how do they do it."

Messenger
BY HARRY FOX

We heartily welcome into the Messenger Division, Arthur Jastrzebski, a student of Crane High School. He works with us after school. . . . The boys in the Messenger Division have started a basketball team. They play at the Central YMCA every Thursday evening. The team consists of Jack Ball, Dick Higgins, Bill Melvin, Vince Ambrosia, Ken Murphy, Bob Hansen, Carl Gianfranciso, and your scribe.

North Sales
BY P. W. LANDGREN

We have missed Louis Siwe for the past few weeks. Louis is recovering at home from a serious kidney operation performed at St. Elizabeth's hospital. Harry Lock also was out for a few days with an infected tonsil, and Tom Dimond was under observation for a cyst in his back which is to be removed in the near future. . . . On the brighter side: Charles Dorge and Mrs. Dorge celebrated their silver wedding anniversary October 15 with open house for 120 guests. . . . Carl Reed and Miss Betty Jo Streff were married November 16 at DesPlaines Methodist Church. . . . A change in store managers brings us Barney Kearns, to replace Rome Holtz, who was transferred to the Milwaukee Avenue Store. . . . Bob Martin's old car held together till he got a new Plymouth. At that, it had to do for an extra day as Bob was too busy to pick up the new one the day it was delivered—believe it or not.

Typing and Duplicating
BY AVIS SUMMERS

This handsome couple is Mr. and Mrs. Tony Prank, who were married recently. They drove up to Lake Paw Paw, Michigan, for their honeymoon. The lovely bride has been with the Typing Section for fourteen months. We all hope you will be very happy. . . . Flash-Engagement of the month! Arlene Matousek received a brilliant diamond ring a few weeks ago. The best of luck to Arlene and the lucky fellow. . . . Bill Lubben, who used to work in the Duplicating Section, was married November 24. Good luck, Bill, to you and your bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Prank

Greeted at the door of the Casino of the Morrison Hotel upon arrival were (left to right) John Balcom, Marian Bryant, Miriam Nelson, and Robert Schenert, shown below.

Club Crowd Packs Casino for October Party

Above at right, is shown the sprightly and talented Brusettes acrobatic team who performed on the Terrace Casino stage.

Immediately above is shown a section of the dance floor which was well patronized during the party.

At center right, is Ada Lynn, comedienne of Polonaise, who kept the crowd roaring with her antics.

At right is a typical table at the party (sorry we can't show them all).

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